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AN ACT

To create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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(2) STATE- The term ‘State’ has the meaning given that term in section 302 of the Clean Air Act.

SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

The Administrator, in consultation with the Department of State and the United States Trade Representative, shall annually prepare and certify a report to the Congress regarding whether China and India have adopted greenhouse gas emissions standards at least as strict as those standards required under this Act. If the Administrator determines that China and India have not adopted greenhouse gas emissions standards at least as stringent as those set forth in this Act, the Administrator shall notify each Member of Congress of his determination, and shall release his determination to the media.

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SEC. 101. COMBINED EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD.

(a) In General- Title VI of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 and following) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘SEC. 610. COMBINED EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) CHP SAVINGS- The term ‘CHP savings’ means--

‘(A) CHP system savings from a combined heat and power system that commences operation after the date of enactment of this section; and

‘(B) the increase in CHP system savings from, at any time after the date of the enactment of this section, upgrading, replacing, expanding, or increasing the utilization of a

combined heat and power system that commenced operation on or before the date of enactment of this section.

‘(2) CHP SYSTEM SAVINGS- The term ‘CHP system savings’ means the increment of electric output of a combined heat and power system that is attributable to the higher efficiency of the combined system (as compared to the efficiency of separate production of the electric and thermal outputs).

‘(3) COMBINED HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM- The term ‘combined heat and power system’ means a system that uses the same energy source both for the generation of electrical or mechanical power and the production of steam or another form of useful thermal energy, provided that--

‘(A) the system meets such requirements relating to efficiency and other operating characteristics as the Commission may promulgate by regulation; and

‘(B) the net sales of electricity by the facility to customers not consuming the thermal output from that facility will not exceed 50 percent of total annual electric generation by the facility.

‘(4) CUSTOMER FACILITY SAVINGS- The term ‘customer facility savings’ means a reduction in end-use electricity consumption (including recycled energy savings) at a facility of an end-use consumer of electricity served by a retail electric supplier, as compared to--

‘(A) in the case of a new facility, consumption at a reference facility of average efficiency;

‘(B) in the case of an existing facility, consumption at such facility during a base period, except as provided in subparagraphs (C) and (D);

‘(C) in the case of new equipment that replaces existing equipment with remaining useful life, the projected consumption of the existing equipment for the remaining useful life of such equipment, and thereafter, consumption of new equipment of average efficiency of the same equipment type; and

‘(D) in the case of new equipment that replaces existing equipment at the end of the useful life of the existing equipment, consumption by new equipment of average efficiency of the same equipment type.

‘(5) DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE GENERATION FACILITY- The term ‘distributed renewable generation facility’ means a facility that--

‘(A) generates renewable electricity;

‘(B) primarily serves 1 or more electricity consumers at or near the facility site; and

‘(C) is no greater than--

‘(i) 2 megawatts in capacity; or

‘(ii) 4 megawatts in capacity, in the case of a facility that is placed in service after the date of enactment of this section and generates electricity from a renewable energy resource other than by means of combustion.

‘(6) ELECTRICITY SAVINGS- The term ‘electricity savings’ means reductions in electricity consumption, relative to business-as-usual projections, achieved through measures implemented after the date of enactment of this section, limited to--

‘(A) customer facility savings of electricity, adjusted to

reflect any associated increase in fuel consumption at the facility;

‘(B) reductions in distribution system losses of electricity achieved by a retail electricity distributor, as compared to losses attributable to new or replacement distribution system equipment of average efficiency;

‘(C) CHP savings; and

‘(D) fuel cell savings.

‘(7) CENTRAL PROCUREMENT STATE- The term ‘central procurement State’ means a State that, as of January 1, 2009, had adopted and implemented a legally enforceable mandate that, in lieu of requiring utilities to submit credits or certificates issued based on generation of electricity from (or to purchase or generate electricity from) resources defined by the State as renewable, requires retail electric suppliers to collect payments from electricity ratepayers within the State that are used for central procurement, by a State agency or a public benefit corporation established pursuant to State law, of credits or certificates issued based on generation of electricity from resources defined by the State as renewable.

‘(8) FEDERAL RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY CREDIT- The term ‘Federal renewable electricity credit’ means a credit, representing one megawatt hour of renewable electricity, issued pursuant to subsection (e).

‘(9) FUEL CELL- The term ‘fuel cell’ means a device that directly converts the chemical energy of a fuel and an oxidant into electricity by electrochemical processes occurring at separate electrodes in the device.

‘(10) FUEL CELL SAVINGS- The term ‘fuel cell savings’ means the electricity saved by a fuel cell that is installed after

the date of enactment of this section, or by upgrading a fuel cell that commenced operation on or before the date of enactment of this section, as a result of the greater efficiency with which the fuel cell transforms fuel into electricity as compared with sources of electricity delivered through the grid, provided that--

‘(A) the fuel cell meets such requirements relating to efficiency and other operating characteristics as the Commission may promulgate by regulation; and

‘(B) the net sales of electricity from the fuel cell to customers not consuming the thermal output from the fuel cell, if any, do not exceed 50 percent of the total annual electricity generation by the fuel cell.

‘(11) OTHER QUALIFYING ENERGY RESOURCE- The term ‘other qualifying energy resource’ means any of the following:

‘(A) Landfill gas.

‘(B) Wastewater treatment gas.

‘(C) Coal mine methane used to generate electricity at or near the mine mouth.

‘(D) Qualified waste-to-energy.

‘(12) QUALIFIED HYDROPOWER- The term ‘qualified hydropower’ means--

‘(A) energy produced from increased efficiency achieved, or additions of capacity made, on or after January 1, 1988, at a hydroelectric facility that was placed in service before that date and does not include additional energy generated as a result of operational changes not directly associated with efficiency improvements or capacity additions; or

‘(B) energy produced from generating capacity added to a dam on or after January 1, 1988, provided that the Commission certifies that--

‘(i) the dam was placed in service before the date of the enactment of this section and was operated for flood control, navigation, or water supply purposes and was not producing hydroelectric power prior to the addition of such capacity;

‘(ii) the hydroelectric project installed on the dam is licensed (or is exempt from licensing) by the Commission and is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the license or exemption, and with other applicable legal requirements for the protection of environmental quality, including applicable fish passage requirements; and

‘(iii) the hydroelectric project installed on the dam is operated so that the water surface elevation at any given location and time that would have occurred in the absence of the hydroelectric project is maintained, subject to any license or exemption requirements that require changes in water surface elevation for the purpose of improving the environmental quality of the affected waterway.

‘(13) **QUALIFIED WASTE-TO-ENERGY**- The term ‘qualified waste-to-energy’ means energy from the combustion of municipal solid waste or construction, demolition, or disaster debris, or from the gasification or pyrolysis of such waste or debris and the combustion of the resulting gas at the same facility, provided that--

‘(A) such term shall include only the energy derived from the non-fossil biogenic portion of such waste or debris;

‘(B) the Commission determines, with the concurrence of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, that the total lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions attributable to the generation of electricity from such waste or debris are lower than those attributable to the likely alternative method of disposing of such waste or debris; and

‘(C) the owner or operator of the facility generating electricity from such energy provides to the Commission, on an annual basis--

‘(i) a certification that the facility is in compliance with all applicable State, tribal, and Federal environmental permits;

‘(ii) in the case of a facility that commenced operation before the date of enactment of this section, a certification that the facility meets emissions standards promulgated under section 112 or 129 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7412 or 7429) that apply as of the date of enactment of this section to new facilities within the relevant source category; and

‘(iii) in the case of the combustion, pyrolysis, or gasification of municipal solid waste, a certification that each local government unit from which such waste originates operates, participates in the operation of, contracts for, or otherwise provides for, recycling services for its residents.

‘(14) RECYCLED ENERGY SAVINGS- The term ‘recycled energy savings’ means a reduction in electricity consumption that results from a modification of an industrial or commercial system that commenced operation before the date of enactment of this section, in order to recapture electrical, mechanical, or thermal energy that would otherwise be wasted.

‘(15) RENEWABLE BIOMASS- The term ‘renewable biomass’ means any of the following:

‘(A) Materials, pre-commercial thinnings, or removed invasive species from National Forest System land and public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), including those that are byproducts of preventive treatments (such as trees, wood, brush, thinnings, chips, and slash), that are removed as part of a federally recognized timber sale, or that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health, and that are--

‘(i) not from components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, Wilderness Study Areas, Inventoried Roadless Areas, old growth stands, late-successional stands (except for dead, severely damaged, or badly infested trees), components of the National Landscape Conservation System, National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Designated Primitive Areas, or Wild and Scenic Rivers corridors;

‘(ii) harvested in environmentally sustainable quantities, as determined by the appropriate Federal land manager; and

‘(iii) harvested in accordance with Federal and State law, and applicable land management plans.

‘(B) Any organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis from non-Federal land or land belonging to an Indian or Indian tribe that is held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, including--

‘(i) renewable plant material, including--

‘(I) feed grains;

‘(II) other agricultural commodities;

‘(III) other plants and trees; and

‘(IV) algae; and

‘(ii) waste material, including--

‘(I) crop residue;

‘(II) other vegetative waste material (including wood waste and wood residues);

‘(III) animal waste and byproducts (including fats, oils, greases, and manure);

‘(IV) construction waste; and

‘(V) food waste and yard waste.

‘(C) Residues and byproducts from wood, pulp, or paper products facilities.

‘(16) RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY- The term ‘renewable electricity’ means electricity generated (including by means of a fuel cell) from a renewable energy resource or other qualifying energy resources.

‘(17) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE- The term ‘renewable energy resource’ means each of the following:

‘(A) Wind energy.

‘(B) Solar energy.

‘(C) Geothermal energy.

‘(D) Renewable biomass.

‘(E) Biogas derived exclusively from renewable biomass.

‘(F) Biofuels derived exclusively from renewable biomass.

‘(G) Qualified hydropower.

‘(H) Marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy, as that term is defined in section 632 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17211).

‘(18) RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘retail electric supplier’ means, for any given year, an electric utility that sold not less than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electric energy to electric consumers for purposes other than resale during the preceding calendar year.

‘(B) INCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS- For purposes of determining whether an electric utility qualifies as a retail electric supplier under subparagraph (A)--

‘(i) the sales of any affiliate of an electric utility to electric consumers, other than sales to the affiliate’s lessees or tenants, for purposes other than resale shall be considered to be sales of such electric utility; and

‘(ii) sales by any electric utility to an affiliate, lessee, or tenant of such electric utility shall not be treated as sales to electric consumers.

‘(C) AFFILIATE- For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘affiliate’ when used in relation to a person, means another person that directly or indirectly owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control

with, such person, as determined under regulations promulgated by the Commission.

‘(19) RETAIL ELECTRIC SUPPLIER’S BASE AMOUNT-

The term ‘retail electric supplier’s base amount’ means the total amount of electric energy sold by the retail electric supplier, expressed in megawatt hours, to electric customers for purposes other than resale during the relevant calendar year, excluding--

‘(A) electricity generated by a hydroelectric facility that is not qualified hydropower;

‘(B) electricity generated by a nuclear generating unit placed in service after the date of enactment of this section; and

‘(C) the proportion of electricity generated by a fossil-fueled generating unit that is equal to the proportion of greenhouse gases produced by such unit that are captured and geologically sequestered.

‘(20) RETIRE AND RETIREMENT- The terms ‘retire’ and ‘retirement’ with respect to a Federal renewable electricity credit, means to disqualify such credit for any subsequent use under this section, regardless of whether the use is a sale, transfer, exchange, or submission in satisfaction of a compliance obligation.

‘(21) THIRD-PARTY EFFICIENCY PROVIDER- The term ‘third-party efficiency provider’ means any retailer, building owner, energy service company, financial institution or other commercial, industrial or nonprofit entity that is capable of providing electricity savings in accordance with the requirements of this section.

‘(22) TOTAL ANNUAL ELECTRICITY SAVINGS- The term

‘total annual electricity savings’ means electricity savings during a specified calendar year from measures implemented since the date of the enactment of this section, taking into account verified measure lifetimes or verified annual savings attrition rates, as determined in accordance with such regulations as the Commission may promulgate and measured in megawatt hours.

‘(b) Annual Compliance Obligation-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- For each of calendar years 2012 through 2039, not later than March 31 of the following calendar year, each retail electric supplier shall submit to the Commission an amount of Federal renewable electricity credits and demonstrated total annual electricity savings that, in the aggregate, is equal to such retail electric supplier’s annual combined target as set forth in subsection (d), except as otherwise provided in subsection (h).

‘(2) DEMONSTRATION OF SAVINGS- For purposes of this subsection, submission of demonstrated total annual electricity savings means submission of a report that demonstrates, in accordance with the requirements of subsection (f), the total annual electricity savings achieved by the retail electric supplier within the relevant compliance year.

‘(3) RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY CREDITS PORTION- Except as provided in paragraph (4), each retail electric supplier must submit Federal renewable electricity credits equal to at least three quarters of the retail electric supplier’s annual combined target.

‘(4) STATE PETITION-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Upon written request from the Governor of any State (including, for purposes of this paragraph, the Mayor of the District of Columbia), the

Commission shall increase, to not more than two fifths, the proportion of the annual combined targets of retail electric suppliers located within such State that may be met through submission of demonstrated total annual electricity savings, provided that such increase shall be effective only with regard to the portion of a retail electric supplier's annual combined target that is attributable to electricity sales within such State.

‘(B) CONTENTS- A Governor’s request under this paragraph shall include an explanation of the Governor’s rationale for determining, after consultation with the relevant State regulatory authority and other retail electricity ratemaking authorities within the State, to make such request. The request shall specify the maximum proportion of annual combined targets (not more than two fifths) that can be met through demonstrated total annual electricity savings, and the period for which such proportion shall be effective.

‘(C) REVISION- The Governor of any State may, after consultation with the relevant State regulatory authority and other retail electricity ratemaking authorities within the State, submit a written request for revocation or revision of a previous request submitted under this paragraph. The Commission shall grant such request, provided that--

‘(i) any revocation or revision shall not apply to the combined annual target for any year that is any earlier than 2 calendar years after the calendar year in which such request is submitted, so as to provide retail electric suppliers with adequate notice of such change; and

‘(ii) any revision shall meet the requirements of subparagraph (A).

‘(c) Establishment of Program- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall promulgate regulations to implement and enforce the requirements of this section. In promulgating such regulations, the Commission shall, to the extent practicable--

‘(1) preserve the integrity, and incorporate best practices, of existing State and tribal renewable electricity and energy efficiency programs;

‘(2) rely upon existing and emerging State, tribal, or regional tracking systems that issue and track non-Federal renewable electricity credits; and

‘(3) cooperate with the States and Indian tribes to facilitate coordination between State, tribal, and Federal renewable electricity and energy efficiency programs and to minimize administrative burdens and costs to retail electric suppliers.

‘(d) Annual Compliance Requirement-

‘(1) ANNUAL COMBINED TARGETS- For each of calendar years 2012 through 2039, a retail electric supplier’s annual combined target shall be the product of--

‘(A) the required annual percentage for such year, as set forth in paragraph (2); and

‘(B) the retail electric supplier’s base amount for such year.

‘(2) REQUIRED ANNUAL PERCENTAGE- For each of calendar years 2012 through 2039, the required annual percentage shall be as follows:

2012

6 . 0

2013	6 . 0
2014	9 . 5
2015	9 . 5
2016	13 . 0
2017	13 . 0
2018	16 . 5
2019	16 . 5
2020	20 . 0
2021 through 2039	20 . 0

‘(e) Federal Renewable Electricity Credits-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The regulations promulgated under this section shall include provisions governing the issuance, tracking, and verification of Federal renewable electricity credits. Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of this subsection, the Commission shall issue to each generator of renewable electricity, 1 Federal renewable electricity credit for each megawatt hour of renewable electricity generated by such generator after December 31, 2011. The Commission shall assign a unique serial number to each Federal renewable electricity credit.

‘(2) GENERATION FROM CERTAIN STATE RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY PROGRAMS- (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), where renewable electricity is generated with the support of payments from a retail electric supplier pursuant to a State renewable electricity program (whether through State alternative compliance payments or through payments to a State renewable electricity procurement fund or entity), the Commission shall issue Federal renewable

electricity credits to such retail electric supplier for the proportion of the relevant renewable electricity generation that is attributable to the retail electric supplier's payments, as determined pursuant to regulations issued by the Commission. For any remaining portion of the relevant renewable electricity generation, the Commission shall issue Federal renewable electricity credits to the generator, as provided in paragraph (1), except that in no event shall more than 1 Federal renewable electricity credit be issued for the same megawatt hour of electricity. In determining how Federal renewable electricity credits will be apportioned among retail electric suppliers and generators in such circumstances, the Commission shall consider information and guidance furnished by the relevant State or States.

‘(B) In the case of a central procurement State that pursuant to subsection (g) has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b), the Commission shall issue directly to the State Federal renewable electricity credits for any renewable electricity for which the State, pursuant to a mandate described in subsection (a)(7), has centrally procured credits or certificates issued based on generation of such renewable electricity.

‘(3) CERTAIN POWER SALES CONTRACTS- Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), when a generator has sold renewable electricity to a retail electric supplier under a contract for power from a facility placed in service before the date of enactment of this section, and the contract does not provide for the determination of ownership of the Federal renewable electricity credits associated with such generation, the Commission shall issue such Federal renewable electricity credits to the retail electric supplier for the duration of the contract.

‘(4) CREDIT MULTIPLIER FOR DISTRIBUTED

RENEWABLE GENERATION-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Commission shall issue 3 Federal renewable electricity credits for each megawatt hour of renewable electricity generated by a distributed renewable generation facility.

‘(B) ADJUSTMENT- Except as provided in subparagraph (C), not later than January 1, 2014, and not less frequently than every 4 years thereafter, the Commission shall review the effect of this paragraph and shall, as necessary, reduce the number of Federal renewable electricity credits per megawatt hour issued under this paragraph for any given energy source or technology, but not below 1, to ensure that such number is no higher than the Commission determines is necessary to make distributed renewable generation facilities using such source or technology cost competitive with other sources of renewable electricity generation.

‘(C) FACILITIES PLACED IN SERVICE AFTER ENACTMENT- For any distributed renewable generation facility placed in service after the date of enactment of this section, subparagraph (B) shall not apply for the first 10 years after the date on which the facility is placed in service. For each year during such 10-year period, the Commission shall issue to the facility the same number of Federal renewable electricity credits per megawatt hour as are issued to that facility in the year in which such facility is placed in service. After such 10-year period, the Commission shall issue Federal renewable electricity credits to the facility in accordance with the current multiplier as determined pursuant to subparagraph (B).

‘(5) CREDITS BASED ON QUALIFIED HYDROPOWER-

For purposes of this subsection, the number of Federal renewable electricity credits issued for qualified hydropower shall be calculated--

‘(A) based solely on the increase in average annual generation directly resulting from the efficiency improvements or capacity additions described in subsection (a)(13)(A); and

‘(B) using the same water flow information used to determine a historic average annual generation baseline for the hydroelectric facility, as certified by the Commission.

‘(6) GENERATION FROM QUALIFIED WASTE-TO-ENERGY- In the case of electricity generated from the combustion of any municipal solid waste or construction, demolition, or disaster debris that is included in the definition of renewable biomass, or from the gasification or pyrolysis of such waste or debris and the combustion of the resulting gas at the same facility, the Commission shall issue Federal renewable electricity credits only for electricity generated from qualified waste-to-energy.

‘(7) GENERATION FROM MIXED RENEWABLE AND NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES- If electricity is generated using both a renewable energy resource or other qualifying energy resource and an energy source that is not a renewable energy resource or other qualifying energy resource (as, for example, in the case of co-firing of renewable biomass and fossil fuel), the Commission shall issue Federal renewable electricity credits based on the proportion of the electricity that is attributable to the renewable energy resource or other qualifying energy resource.

‘(8) PROHIBITION AGAINST DOUBLE-COUNTING- Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the Commission shall ensure that no more than 1 Federal renewable

electricity credit will be issued for any megawatt hour of renewable electricity and that no Federal renewable electricity credit will be used more than once for compliance with this section.

‘(9) TRADING- The lawful holder of a Federal renewable electricity credit may sell, exchange, transfer, submit for compliance in accordance with subsection (b), or submit such credit for retirement by the Commission.

‘(10) BANKING- A Federal renewable electricity credit may be submitted in satisfaction of the compliance obligation set forth in subsection (b) for the compliance year in which the credit was issued or for any of the 3 immediately subsequent compliance years. The Commission shall retire any Federal renewable electricity credit that has not been retired by April 2 of the calendar year that is 3 years after the calendar year in which the credit was issued.

‘(11) RETIREMENT- The Commission shall retire a Federal renewable electricity credit immediately upon submission by the lawful holder of such credit, whether in satisfaction of a compliance obligation under subsection (b) or on some other basis.

‘(f) Electricity Savings-

‘(1) STANDARDS FOR MEASUREMENT OF SAVINGS- As part of the regulations promulgated under this section, the Commission shall prescribe standards and protocols for defining and measuring electricity savings and total annual electricity savings that can be counted towards the compliance obligation set forth in subsection (b). Such protocols and standards shall, at minimum--

‘(A) specify the types of energy efficiency and energy conservation measures that can be counted;

‘(B) require that energy consumption estimates for customer facilities or portions of facilities in the applicable base and current years be adjusted, as appropriate, to account for changes in weather, level of production, and building area;

‘(C) account for the useful life of measures;

‘(D) include deemed savings values for specific, commonly used measures;

‘(E) allow for savings from a program to be estimated based on extrapolation from a representative sample of participating customers;

‘(F) include procedures for counting CHP savings, recycled energy savings, and fuel cell savings;

‘(G) include procedures for documenting measurable and verifiable electricity savings achieved as a result of market transformation efforts;

‘(H) include procedures for counting electricity savings achieved by solar water heating and solar light pipe technology that has the capability to provide measurable data on the amount of megawatt-hours displaced;

‘(I) avoid double-counting of savings used for compliance with this section, including savings that are transferred pursuant to paragraph (3);

‘(J) ensure that, except as provided in subparagraph (L), the retail electric supplier claiming the savings played a significant role in achieving the savings (including through the activities of a designated agent of the supplier or through the purchase of transferred savings);

‘(K) include savings from programs administered by a retail electric supplier (or a retail electricity distributor that is not a retail electric supplier) that are funded by State, Federal, or other sources;

‘(L) in any State in which the State regulatory authority has designated 1 or more entities to administer electric ratepayer-funded efficiency programs approved by such State regulatory authority, provide that electricity savings achieved through such programs shall be distributed equitably among retail electric suppliers in accordance with the direction of the relevant State regulatory authority; and

‘(M) exclude savings achieved as a result of compliance with mandatory appliance and equipment efficiency standards or building codes.

‘(2) STANDARDS FOR THIRD-PARTY VERIFICATION OF SAVINGS- The regulations promulgated under this section shall establish procedures and standards requiring third-party verification of all reported electricity savings, including requirements for accreditation of third-party verifiers to ensure that such verifiers are professionally qualified and have no conflicts of interest.

‘(3) TRANSFERS OF SAVINGS-

‘(A) BILATERAL CONTRACTS FOR SAVINGS TRANSFERS- Subject to the limitations of this paragraph, a retail electric supplier may use electricity savings transferred, pursuant to a bilateral contract, from another retail electric supplier, an owner of an electric distribution facility that is not a retail electric supplier, a State, or a third-party efficiency provider to meet the applicable compliance obligation under subsection (b).

‘(B) REQUIREMENTS- Electricity savings transferred and

used for compliance pursuant to this paragraph shall be--

‘(i) measured and verified in accordance with the procedures specified under this subsection;

‘(ii) reported in accordance with paragraph (4) of this subsection; and

‘(iii) achieved within the same State as is served by the retail electric supplier.

‘(C) REGULATORY APPROVAL- Nothing in this paragraph shall limit or affect the authority of a State regulatory authority to require a retail electric supplier that is regulated by such authority to obtain such authority’s authorization or approval of a contract for transfer of savings under this paragraph.

‘(4) REPORTING SAVINGS-

‘(A) REQUIREMENTS- The regulations promulgated under this section shall establish requirements governing the submission of reports to demonstrate, in accordance with the protocols and standards for measurement and third-party verification established under this subsection, the total annual electricity savings achieved by a retail electric supplier within the relevant year.

‘(B) REVIEW AND APPROVAL- The Commission shall review each report submitted to the Commission by a retail electric supplier and shall exclude any electricity savings that have not been adequately demonstrated in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

‘(5) STATE ADMINISTRATION-

‘(A) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY- Upon receipt of

an application from the Governor of a State (including, for purposes of this subsection, the Mayor of the District of Columbia), the Commission may delegate to the State the authority to review and verify reported electricity savings for purposes of determining demonstrated total annual electricity savings that may be counted towards a retail electric supplier's compliance obligation under subsection (b). The Commission shall make a substantive determination approving or disapproving a State application under this subparagraph, after notice and comment, within 180 days of receipt of a complete application.

‘(B) ALTERNATIVE MEASUREMENT AND VERIFICATION PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS-

As part of an application submitted under subparagraph (A), a State may request to use alternative measurement and verification procedures and standards to those specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), provided the State demonstrates that such alternative procedures and standards provide a level of accuracy of measurement and verification at least equivalent to the Federal procedures and standards promulgated under paragraphs (1) and (2).

‘(C) REVIEW OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION- The Commission shall, not less frequently than once every 4 years, review each State's implementation of delegated authority under this paragraph to ensure conformance with the requirements of this section. The Commission may, at any time, revoke the delegation of authority under this section upon a finding that the State is not implementing its delegated responsibilities in conformity with this paragraph. As a condition of maintaining its delegated authority under this paragraph, the Commission may require a State to submit a revised application under subparagraph (A) if the Commission has--

‘(i) promulgated new or substantially revised measurement and verification procedures and standards under this subsection; or

‘(ii) otherwise substantially revised the program established under this section.

‘(g) Alternative Compliance Payments-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A retail electric supplier, or a central procurement State that, pursuant to subsection (g), has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b), may satisfy the requirements of subsection (b) in whole or in part by submitting in accordance with this subsection, in lieu of each Federal renewable electricity credit or megawatt hour of demonstrated total annual electricity savings that would otherwise be due, a payment equal to \$25, adjusted for inflation on January 1 of each year following calendar year 2009, in accordance with such regulations as the Commission may promulgate.

‘(2) PAYMENT TO STATE FUNDS- Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and paragraph (4), payments made under this subsection shall be made directly to the State or States in which the retail electric supplier is located, in proportion to the portion of the retail electric supplier’s base amount that is sold within each relevant State, provided that such payments are deposited directly into a fund in the State treasury established for this purpose and that the State uses such funds in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (5) and with paragraph (4), where applicable. If the Commission determines at any time that a State is in substantial noncompliance with paragraph (3) or (5), or with paragraph (4), where applicable, the Commission shall direct that any future alternative compliance payments that would otherwise be paid to such State under this subsection shall instead be paid to the

Commission and deposited in the United States Treasury.

‘(3) STATE USE OF FUNDS- As a condition of continued receipt of alternative compliance payments pursuant to this subsection, a State shall use such payments exclusively for the purposes of--

‘(A) deploying technologies that generate electricity from renewable energy resources; or

‘(B) implementing cost-effective energy efficiency programs to achieve electricity savings.

‘(4) CENTRAL PROCUREMENT STATES-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- A central procurement State that, pursuant to subsection (g), has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) shall deposit any alternative compliance payments under this subsection in a unique fund in the State treasury created and used solely for this purpose.

‘(B) REQUIREMENTS- As a precondition of making alternative compliance payments under this subsection, a central procurement State shall certify to the Commission, in accordance with such requirements as the Commission may prescribe, that--

‘(i) making such payments is the lowest cost alternative to meet the requirements of subsection (b); and

‘(ii) moneys used by the State to make such payments are in addition to any spending that the State, and any separate entity charged with administering the State central procurement requirement identified under subsection (a)(7), otherwise collectively would direct to the purposes identified in paragraph (3).

‘(C) USES- A central procurement State that makes alternative compliance payments under this subsection shall certify to the Commission that, in using such payments in accordance with paragraph (3), it has, to the extent practicable, maximized the level of deployment of renewable electricity generation (measured in megawatt hours) and electricity savings per dollar that are achieved through such expenditures.

‘(5) REPORTING- As a condition of continued receipt of alternative compliance payments pursuant to this subsection, a State shall, within 12 months of receipt of any such payments and at 12-month intervals thereafter until such payments are expended, provide a report to the Commission, in accordance with such regulations as the Commission may prescribe, giving a full accounting of the use of such payments, including a detailed description of the activities funded thereby and demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

‘(g) Central Procurement States-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A central procurement State may, upon submission of a written request by the Governor of such State to the Commission, assume responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b) on behalf of retail electric suppliers located in such State, exclusively with regard to the portion of such retail electric suppliers’ base amount that is sold within the State.

‘(2) DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTRICITY SAVINGS- If a central procurement State opts to meet any part of the requirements of subsection (b) based on the achievement of demonstrated total annual electricity savings, regardless of whether such State has received delegated authority pursuant to subsection (f)(5), such State shall submit such demonstrated

total annual electricity savings to the Commission through an annual report in accordance with requirements prescribed by the Commission by regulation, which shall be of equivalent stringency to those applicable to retail electric suppliers under subsection (f).

‘(3) NONCOMPLIANCE- If a central procurement State that pursuant to this subsection has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b), fails to satisfy the requirements of subsection (b) or (h) for any year, the State’s assumption of responsibility under this subsection shall be discontinued immediately, and retail electric suppliers located in such State henceforth shall be directly subject to the requirements of this section.

‘(h) Information Collection- The Commission may require any retail electric supplier, renewable electricity generator, or such other entities as the Commission deems appropriate, to provide any information the Commission determines appropriate to carry out this section. Failure to submit such information or submission of false or misleading information under this subsection shall be a violation of this section.

‘(i) Enforcement and Judicial Review-

‘(1) FAILURE TO SUBMIT CREDITS OR DEMONSTRATE SAVINGS- If any person, other than any central procurement State that pursuant to subsection (g) has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b), fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (b) or (h), such person shall be liable to pay to the Commission a civil penalty equal to the product of--

‘(A) double the alternative compliance payment calculated under subsection (h)(1), and

‘(B) the aggregate quantity of Federal renewable electricity

credits, total annual electricity savings, or equivalent alternative compliance payments that the person failed to submit in violation of the requirements of subsections (b) and (h).

‘(2) ENFORCEMENT- The Commission shall assess a civil penalty under paragraph (1) in accordance with the procedures described in section 31(d) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 823b(d)).

‘(3) VIOLATION OF REQUIREMENT OF REGULATIONS OR ORDERS- Any person, other than any central procurement State that pursuant to subsection (g) has assumed responsibility for compliance with the requirements of subsection (b), who violates, or fails or refuses to comply with, any requirement of a regulation promulgated or order issued under this section shall be subject to a civil penalty under section 316A(b) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 825o-1). Such penalty shall be assessed by the Commission in the same manner as in the case of a violation referred to in section 316A(b) of such Act.

‘(j) Judicial Review- Any person aggrieved by a final action taken by the Commission under this section, other than the assessment of a civil penalty under subsection (j), may use the procedures for review described in section 313 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 825l). For purposes of this paragraph, references to an order in section 313 of such Act shall be deemed to refer also to all other final actions of the Commission under this section other than the assessment of a civil penalty under subsection (i).

‘(k) Savings Provisions- Nothing in this section shall--

‘(1) diminish or qualify any authority of a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an Indian tribe to--

‘(A) adopt or enforce any law or regulation respecting renewable electricity or energy efficiency, including any

law or regulation establishing requirements more stringent than those established by this section, provided that no such law or regulation may relieve any person of any requirement otherwise applicable under this section; or

‘(B) regulate the acquisition and disposition of Federal renewable electricity credits by retail electric suppliers within the jurisdiction of such State, political subdivision, or Indian tribe, including the authority to require such retail electric supplier to acquire and submit to the Secretary for retirement Federal renewable electricity credits in excess of those submitted under this section; or

‘(2) affect the application of, or the responsibility for compliance with, any other provision of law or regulation, including environmental and licensing requirements.

‘(l) Sunset- This section expires on December 31, 2040.’.

(b) Conforming Amendment- The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 and following) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 609 the following:

‘Sec. 610. Combined efficiency and renewable electricity standard.’.

SEC. 102. CLARIFYING STATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES.

Section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 is amended by adding at the end thereof:

‘(o) Clarification of State Authority to Adopt Renewable Energy Incentives- Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the Federal Power Act, a State legislature or regulatory authority may

set the rates for a sale of electric energy by a facility generating electric energy from renewable energy sources pursuant to a State-approved production incentive program under which the facility voluntarily sells electric energy. For purposes of this subsection, ‘State-approved production incentive program’ means a requirement imposed pursuant to State law, or by a State regulatory authority acting within its authority under State law, that an electric utility purchase renewable energy (as defined in section 609 of this Act) at a specified rate.’.

SEC. 103. FEDERAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PURCHASES.

(a) Requirement- For each of calendar years 2012 through 2039, the President shall ensure that, of the total amount of electricity Federal agencies consume in the United States during each calendar year, the following percentage shall be renewable electricity:

2012	6.0
2013	6.0
2014	9.5
2015	9.5
2016	13.0
2017	13.0
2018	16.5
2019	16.5
2020	20.0
2021 through 2039	20.0

(b) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

(1) RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY- The term ‘renewable electricity’ shall have the meaning given in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 and following).

(2) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE- The term ‘renewable energy resource’ shall have the meaning given in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 and following).

(c) Modification of Requirement- If the President determines that the Federal Government cannot feasibly meet the requirement established in subsection (a) in a specific calendar year, the President may, by written order, reduce such requirement for such calendar year to a percentage the President determines the Federal Government can feasibly meet.

(d) Reports- Not later than April 1, 2013, and each year thereafter, the Secretary of Energy shall provide a report to Congress on the percentage of each Federal agency’s electricity consumption in the United States that was renewable electricity in the previous calendar year.

(e) Contracts for Renewable Energy- (1) Notwithstanding section 501(b)(1)(B) of title 40, United States Code, a contract for the acquisition of electricity generated from a renewable energy resource for the Federal Government may be made for a period of not more than 20 years.

(2) Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Energy, through the Federal Energy Management Program, shall publish a standardized renewable energy purchase agreement, setting forth commercial terms and conditions, that Federal agencies may use to acquire electricity generated from a renewable energy resource.

(3) The Secretary of Energy shall provide technical assistance to assist Federal agencies in implementing this subsection.

Subtitle B--Carbon Capture and Sequestration

SEC. 111. NATIONAL STRATEGY.

(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads of such other relevant Federal agencies as the President may designate, shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a unified and comprehensive strategy to address the key legal, regulatory and other barriers to the commercial-scale deployment of carbon capture and sequestration.

(b) Barriers- The report under this section shall--

(1) identify those regulatory, legal, and other gaps and barriers that could be addressed by a Federal agency using existing statutory authority, those, if any, that require Federal legislation, and those that would be best addressed at the State, tribal, or regional level;

(2) identify regulatory implementation challenges, including those related to approval of State and tribal programs and delegation of authority for permitting; and

(3) recommend rulemakings, Federal legislation, or other actions that should be taken to further evaluate and address such barriers.

SEC. 112. REGULATIONS FOR GEOLOGIC SEQUESTRATION SITES.

(a) Coordinated Certification and Permitting Process- Title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 331 of this Act, is amended by adding after section 812 (as added by section 116 of this Act) the following:

‘SEC. 813. GEOLOGIC SEQUESTRATION SITES.

‘(a) Coordinated Process- The Administrator shall establish a coordinated approach to certifying and permitting geologic sequestration, taking into consideration all relevant statutory

authorities. In establishing such approach, the Administrator shall--

‘(1) take into account, and reduce redundancy with, the requirements of section 1421 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h), as amended by section 112(b) of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, including the rulemaking for geologic sequestration wells described at 73 Fed. Reg. 43491-541 (July 25, 2008); and

‘(2) to the extent practicable, reduce the burden on certified entities and implementing authorities.

‘(b) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to protect human health and the environment by minimizing the risk of escape to the atmosphere of carbon dioxide injected for purposes of geologic sequestration.

‘(c) Requirements- The regulations under subsection (b) shall include--

‘(1) a process to obtain certification for geologic sequestration under this section; and

‘(2) requirements for--

‘(A) monitoring, record keeping, and reporting for emissions associated with injection into, and escape from, geologic sequestration sites, taking into account any requirements or protocols developed under section 713;

‘(B) public participation in the certification process that maximizes transparency;

‘(C) the sharing of data between States, Indian tribes, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and

‘(D) other elements or safeguards necessary to achieve the purpose set forth in subsection (b).

‘(d) Report- Not later than 2 years after the promulgation of regulations under subsection (b), and at 3-year intervals thereafter, the Administrator shall deliver to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on geologic sequestration in the United States, and, to the extent relevant, other countries in North America. Such report shall include--

‘(1) data regarding injection, emissions to the atmosphere, if any, and performance of active and closed geologic sequestration sites, including those where enhanced hydrocarbon recovery operations occur;

‘(2) an evaluation of the performance of relevant Federal environmental regulations and programs in ensuring environmentally protective geologic sequestration practices;

‘(3) recommendations on how such programs and regulations should be improved or made more effective; and

‘(4) other relevant information.’.

(b) Safe Drinking Water Act Standards- Section 1421 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h) is amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

‘(e) Carbon Dioxide Geologic Sequestration Wells-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations under subsection (a) for carbon dioxide geologic sequestration wells.

‘(2) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- The regulations

referred to in paragraph (1) shall include requirements for maintaining evidence of financial responsibility, including financial responsibility for emergency and remedial response, well plugging, site closure, and post-injection site care. Financial responsibility may be established for carbon dioxide geologic sequestration wells in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Administrator by any one, or any combination, of the following: insurance, guarantee, trust, standby trust, surety bond, letter of credit, qualification as a self-insurer, or any other method satisfactory to the Administrator.’.

SEC. 113. STUDIES AND REPORTS.

(a) Study of Legal Framework for Geologic Sequestration Sites-

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE-** As soon as practicable, but not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish a task force to be composed of an equal number of subject matter experts, nongovernmental organizations with expertise in environmental policy, academic experts with expertise in environmental law, State and tribal officials with environmental expertise, representatives of State and tribal Attorneys General, representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, and other relevant Federal agencies, and members of the private sector, to conduct a study of--

(A) existing Federal environmental statutes, State environmental statutes, and State common law that apply to geologic sequestration sites for carbon dioxide, including the ability of such laws to serve as risk management tools;

(B) the existing statutory framework, including Federal and State laws, that apply to harm and damage to the environment or public health at closed sites where carbon dioxide injection has been used

for enhanced hydrocarbon recovery;

(C) the statutory framework, environmental health and safety considerations, implementation issues, and financial implications of potential models for Federal, State, or private sector assumption of liabilities and financial responsibilities with respect to closed geologic sequestration sites;

(D) private sector mechanisms, including insurance and bonding, that may be available to manage environmental, health and safety risk from closed geologic sequestration sites; and

(E) the subsurface mineral rights, water rights, or property rights issues associated with geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide, including issues specific to Federal lands.

(2) REPORT- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the task force established under paragraph (1) shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study conducted under that paragraph including any consensus recommendations of the task force.

(b) Environmental Statutes-

(1) STUDY- The Administrator shall conduct a study examining how, and under what circumstances, the environmental statutes for which the Environmental Protection Agency has responsibility would apply to carbon dioxide injection and geologic sequestration activities.

(2) REPORT- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

SEC. 114. CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION DEMONSTRATION AND EARLY DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

(1) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(2) DISTRIBUTION UTILITY- The term ‘distribution utility’ means an entity that distributes electricity directly to retail consumers under a legal, regulatory, or contractual obligation to do so.

(3) ELECTRIC UTILITY- The term ‘electric utility’ has the meaning provided by section 3(22) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(22)).

(4) FOSSIL FUEL-BASED ELECTRICITY- The term ‘fossil fuel-based electricity’ means electricity that is produced from the combustion of fossil fuels.

(5) FOSSIL FUEL- The term ‘fossil fuel’ means coal, petroleum, natural gas or any derivative of coal, petroleum, or natural gas.

(6) CORPORATION- The term ‘Corporation’ means the Carbon Storage Research Corporation established in accordance with this section.

(7) QUALIFIED INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION- The term ‘qualified industry organization’ means the Edison Electric Institute, the American Public Power Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, a successor organization of such organizations, or a group of owners or operators of distribution utilities delivering fossil fuel-based electricity who collectively represent at least 20 percent of the volume of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered by distribution utilities to consumers in the United States.

(8) RETAIL CONSUMER- The term ‘retail consumer’ means an end-user of electricity.

(b) Carbon Storage Research Corporation-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT-

(A) REFERENDUM- Qualified industry organizations may conduct, at their own expense, a referendum among the owners or operators of distribution utilities delivering fossil fuel-based electricity for the creation of a Carbon Storage Research Corporation. Such referendum shall be conducted by an independent auditing firm agreed to by the qualified industry organizations. Voting rights in such referendum shall be based on the quantity of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered to consumers in the previous calendar year or other representative period as determined by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (f). Upon approval of those persons representing two-thirds of the total quantity of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered to retail consumers, the Corporation shall be established unless opposed by the State regulatory authorities pursuant to subparagraph (B). All distribution utilities voting in the referendum shall certify to the independent auditing firm the quantity of fossil fuel-based electricity represented by their vote.

(B) STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITIES- Upon its own motion or the petition of a qualified industry organization, each State regulatory authority shall consider its support or opposition to the creation of the Corporation under subparagraph (A). State regulatory authorities may notify the independent auditing firm referred to in subparagraph (A) of their views on the creation of the Corporation within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act. If 40 percent or more of the State regulatory authorities submit to the independent auditing firm written notices of opposition, the Corporation shall not be established notwithstanding the approval of the qualified industry organizations as provided in subparagraph (A).

(2) TERMINATION- The Corporation shall be authorized to collect assessments and conduct operations pursuant to this section for a 10-year period from the date 6 months after the date of enactment of

this Act. After such 10-year period, the Corporation is no longer authorized to collect assessments and shall be dissolved on the date 15 years after such date of enactment, unless the period is extended by an Act of Congress.

(3) GOVERNANCE- The Corporation shall operate as a division or affiliate of the Electric Power Research Institute (referred to in this section as 'EPRI') and be managed by a Board of not more than 15 voting members responsible for its operations, including compliance with this section. EPRI, in consultation with the Edison Electric Institute, the American Public Power Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association shall appoint the Board members under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of subparagraph (A) from among candidates recommended by those organizations. At least a majority of the Board members appointed by EPRI shall be representatives of distribution utilities subject to assessments under subsection (d).

(A) MEMBERS- The Board shall include at least one representative of each of the following:

- (i) Investor-owned utilities.
- (ii) Utilities owned by a State agency, a municipality, and an Indian tribe.
- (iii) Rural electric cooperatives.
- (iv) Fossil fuel producers.
- (v) Nonprofit environmental organizations.
- (vi) Independent generators or wholesale power providers.
- (vii) Consumer groups.

(B) NONVOTING MEMBERS- The Board shall also include as additional nonvoting Members the Secretary of Energy or his

designee and 2 representatives of State regulatory authorities as defined in section 3(17) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2602(17)), each designated by the National Association of State Regulatory Utility Commissioners from States that are not within the same transmission interconnection.

(4) **COMPENSATION**- Corporation Board members shall receive no compensation for their services, nor shall Corporation Board members be reimbursed for expenses relating to their service.

(5) **TERMS**- Corporation Board members shall serve terms of 4 years and may serve not more than 2 full consecutive terms. Members filling unexpired terms may serve not more than a total of 8 consecutive years. Former members of the Corporation Board may be reappointed to the Corporation Board if they have not been members for a period of 2 years. Initial appointments to the Corporation Board shall be for terms of 1, 2, 3, and 4 years, staggered to provide for the selection of 3 members each year.

(6) **STATUS OF CORPORATION**- The Corporation shall not be considered to be an agency, department, or instrumentality of the United States, and no officer or director or employee of the Corporation shall be considered to be an officer or employee of the United States Government, for purposes of title 5 or title 31 of the United States Code, or for any other purpose, and no funds of the Corporation shall be treated as public money for purposes of chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code, or for any other purpose.

(c) **Functions and Administration of the Corporation-**

(1) **IN GENERAL**- The Corporation shall establish and administer a program to accelerate the commercial availability of carbon dioxide capture and storage technologies and methods, including technologies which capture and store, or capture and convert, carbon dioxide. Under such program competitively awarded grants, contracts, and financial assistance shall be provided and entered into with eligible entities. Except as provided in paragraph (8), the Corporation shall use all funds

derived from assessments under subsection (d) to issue grants and contracts to eligible entities.

(2) **PURPOSE-** The purposes of the grants, contracts, and assistance under this subsection shall be to support commercial-scale demonstrations of carbon capture or storage technology projects capable of advancing the technologies to commercial readiness. Such projects should encompass a range of different coal and other fossil fuel varieties, be geographically diverse, involve diverse storage media, and employ capture or storage, or capture and conversion, technologies potentially suitable either for new or for retrofit applications. The Corporation shall seek, to the extent feasible, to support at least 5 commercial-scale demonstration projects integrating carbon capture and sequestration or conversion technologies.

(3) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES-** Entities eligible for grants, contracts or assistance under this subsection may include distribution utilities, electric utilities and other private entities, academic institutions, national laboratories, Federal research agencies, State and tribal research agencies, nonprofit organizations, or consortiums of 2 or more entities. Pilot-scale and similar small-scale projects are not eligible for support by the Corporation. Owners or developers of projects supported by the Corporation shall, where appropriate, share in the costs of such projects.

(4) **GRANTS FOR EARLY MOVERS-** Fifty percent of the funds raised under this section shall be provided in the form of grants to electric utilities that had, prior to the award of any grant under this section, committed resources to deploy a large scale electricity generation unit with integrated carbon capture and sequestration or conversion applied to a substantial portion of the unit's carbon dioxide emissions. Grant funds shall be provided to defray costs incurred by such electricity utilities for at least 5 such electricity generation units.

(5) **ADMINISTRATION-** The members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall elect a Chairman and other officers as necessary,

may establish committees and subcommittees of the Corporation, and shall adopt rules and bylaws for the conduct of business and the implementation of this section. The Board shall appoint an Executive Director and professional support staff who may be employees of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). After consultation with the Technical Advisory Committee established under subsection (j), the Secretary, and the Director of the National Energy Technology Laboratory to obtain advice and recommendations on plans, programs, and project selection criteria, the Board shall establish priorities for grants, contracts, and assistance; publish requests for proposals for grants, contracts, and assistance; and award grants, contracts, and assistance competitively, on the basis of merit, after the establishment of procedures that provide for scientific peer review by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Board shall give preference to applications that reflect the best overall value and prospect for achieving the purposes of the section, such as those which demonstrate an integrated approach for capture and storage or capture and conversion technologies. The Board members shall not participate in making grants or awards to entities with whom they are affiliated.

(6) **USES OF GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND ASSISTANCE-** A grant, contract, or other assistance provided under this subsection may be used to purchase carbon dioxide when needed to conduct tests of carbon dioxide storage sites, in the case of established projects that are storing carbon dioxide emissions, or for other purposes consistent with the purposes of this section. The Corporation shall make publicly available at no cost information learned as a result of projects which it supports financially.

(7) **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY-** The Board shall establish policies regarding the ownership of intellectual property developed as a result of Corporation grants and other forms of technology support. Such policies shall encourage individual ingenuity and invention.

(8) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-** Up to 5 percent of the funds collected in any fiscal year under subsection (d) may be used for the

administrative expenses of operating the Corporation (not including costs incurred in the determination and collection of the assessments pursuant to subsection (d)).

(9) **PROGRAMS AND BUDGET**- Before August 1 each year, the Corporation, after consulting with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Secretary and the Director of the Department's National Energy Technology Laboratory and other interested parties to obtain advice and recommendations, shall publish for public review and comment its proposed plans, programs, project selection criteria, and projects to be funded by the Corporation for the next calendar year. The Corporation shall also publish for public review and comment a budget plan for the next calendar year, including the probable costs of all programs, projects, and contracts and a recommended rate of assessment sufficient to cover such costs. The Secretary may recommend programs and activities the Secretary considers appropriate. The Corporation shall include in the first publication it issues under this paragraph a strategic plan or roadmap for the achievement of the purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in paragraph (2).

(10) **RECORDS; AUDITS**- The Corporation shall keep minutes, books, and records that clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the Corporation and make public such information. The books of the Corporation shall be audited by a certified public accountant at least once each fiscal year and at such other times as the Corporation may designate. Copies of each audit shall be provided to the Congress, all Corporation board members, all qualified industry organizations, each State regulatory authority and, upon request, to other members of the industry. If the audit determines that the Corporation's practices fail to meet generally accepted accounting principles the assessment collection authority of the Corporation under subsection (d) shall be suspended until a certified public accountant renders a subsequent opinion that the failure has been corrected. The Corporation shall make its books and records available for review by the Secretary or the Comptroller General of the United States.

(11) PUBLIC ACCESS- The Corporation Board's meetings shall be open to the public and shall occur after at least 30 days advance public notice. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be closed to the public where the agenda of such meetings includes only confidential matters pertaining to project selection, the award of grants or contracts, personnel matters, or the receipt of legal advice. The minutes of all meetings of the Corporation shall be made available to and readily accessible by the public.

(12) ANNUAL REPORT- Each year the Corporation shall prepare and make publicly available a report which includes an identification and description of all programs and projects undertaken by the Corporation during the previous year. The report shall also detail the allocation or planned allocation of Corporation resources for each such program and project. The Corporation shall provide its annual report to the Congress, the Secretary, each State regulatory authority, and upon request to the public. The Secretary shall, not less than 60 days after receiving such report, provide to the President and Congress a report assessing the progress of the Corporation in meeting the objectives of this section.

(d) Assessments-

(1) AMOUNT- (A) In all calendar years following its establishment, the Corporation shall collect an assessment on distribution utilities for all fossil fuel-based electricity delivered directly to retail consumers (as determined under subsection (f)). The assessments shall reflect the relative carbon dioxide emission rates of different fossil fuel-based electricity, and initially shall be not less than the following amounts for coal, natural gas, and oil:

Fuel type	Rate of assessment per kilowatt hour
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Coal	\$0.00043
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Natural Gas	\$0.00022
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Oil

\$0.00032.

(B) The Corporation is authorized to adjust the assessments on fossil fuel-based electricity to reflect changes in the expected quantities of such electricity from different fuel types, such that the assessments generate not less than \$1.0 billion and not more than \$1.1 billion annually. The Corporation is authorized to supplement assessments through additional financial commitments.

(2) INVESTMENT OF FUNDS- Pending disbursement pursuant to a program, plan, or project, the Corporation may invest funds collected through assessments under this subsection, and any other funds received by the Corporation, only in obligations of the United States or any agency thereof, in general obligations of any State or any political subdivision thereof, in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit of a bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve System, or in obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

(3) REVERSION OF UNUSED FUNDS- If the Corporation does not disburse, dedicate or assign 75 percent or more of the available proceeds of the assessed fees in any calendar year 7 or more years following its establishment, due to an absence of qualified projects or similar circumstances, it shall reimburse the remaining undedicated or unassigned balance of such fees, less administrative and other expenses authorized by this section, to the distribution utilities upon which such fees were assessed, in proportion to their collected assessments.

(e) ERCOT-

(1) ASSESSMENT, COLLECTION, AND REMITTANCE- (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, within ERCOT, the assessment provided for in subsection (d) shall be--

(i) levied directly on qualified scheduling entities, or their successor entities;

(ii) charged consistent with other charges imposed on qualified scheduling entities as a fee on energy used by the load-serving entities; and

(iii) collected and remitted by ERCOT to the Corporation in the amounts and in the same manner as set forth in subsection (d).

(B) The assessment amounts referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be--

(i) determined by the amount and types of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered directly to all retail customers in the prior calendar year beginning with the year ending immediately prior to the period described in subsection (b)(2); and

(ii) take into account the number of renewable energy credits retired by the load-serving entities represented by a qualified scheduling entity within the prior calendar year.

(2) **ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**- Up to 1 percent of the funds collected in any fiscal year by ERCOT under the provisions of this subsection may be used for the administrative expenses incurred in the determination, collection and remittance of the assessments to the Corporation.

(3) **AUDIT**- ERCOT shall provide a copy of its annual audit pertaining to the administration of the provisions of this subsection to the Corporation.

(4) **DEFINITIONS**- For the purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term 'ERCOT' means the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

(B) The term 'load-serving entities' has the meaning adopted by ERCOT Protocols and in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) The term ‘qualified scheduling entities’ has the meaning adopted by ERCOT Protocols and in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(D) The term ‘renewable energy credit’ has the meaning as promulgated and adopted by the Public Utility Commission of Texas pursuant to section 39.904(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1999, and in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) Determination of Fossil Fuel-based Electricity Deliveries-

(1) FINDINGS- The Congress finds that:

(A) The assessments under subsection (d) are to be collected based on the amount of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered by each distribution utility.

(B) Since many distribution utilities purchase all or part of their retail consumer’s electricity needs from other entities, it may not be practical to determine the precise fuel mix for the power sold by each individual distribution utility.

(C) It may be necessary to use average data, often on a regional basis with reference to Regional Transmission Organization (‘RTO’) or NERC regions, to make the determinations necessary for making assessments.

(2) DOE PROPOSED RULE- The Secretary, acting in close consultation with the Energy Information Administration, shall issue for notice and comment a proposed rule to determine the level of fossil fuel electricity delivered to retail customers by each distribution utility in the United States during the most recent calendar year or other period determined to be most appropriate. Such proposed rule shall balance the need to be efficient, reasonably precise, and timely, taking into account the nature and cost of data currently available and the nature of markets and regulation in effect in various regions of the country. Different methodologies may be applied in different regions if appropriate to

obtain the best balance of such factors.

(3) **FINAL RULE-** Within 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and after opportunity for comment, the Secretary shall issue a final rule under this subsection for determining the level and type of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered to retail customers by each distribution utility in the United States during the appropriate period. In issuing such rule, the Secretary may consider opportunities and costs to develop new data sources in the future and issue recommendations for the Energy Information Administration or other entities to collect such data. After notice and opportunity for comment the Secretary may, by rule, subsequently update and modify the methodology for making such determinations.

(4) **ANNUAL DETERMINATIONS-** Pursuant to the final rule issued under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall make annual determinations of the amounts and types for each such utility and publish such determinations in the Federal Register. Such determinations shall be used to conduct the referendum under subsection (b) and by the Corporation in applying any assessment under this subsection.

(5) **REHEARING AND JUDICIAL REVIEW-** The owner or operator of any distribution utility that believes that the Secretary has misapplied the methodology in the final rule in determining the amount and types of fossil fuel electricity delivered by such distribution utility may seek rehearing of such determination within 30 days of publication of the determination in the Federal Register. The Secretary shall decide such rehearing petitions within 30 days. The Secretary's determinations following rehearing shall be final and subject to judicial review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

(g) **Compliance With Corporation Assessments-** The Corporation may bring an action in the appropriate court of the United States to compel compliance with an assessment levied by the Corporation under this section. A successful action for compliance under this subsection may also require payment by the defendant of the costs incurred by the Corporation in

bringing such action.

(h) **Midcourse Review-** Not later than 5 years following establishment of the Corporation, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare an analysis, and report to Congress, assessing the Corporation's activities, including project selection and methods of disbursement of assessed fees, impacts on the prospects for commercialization of carbon capture and storage technologies, adequacy of funding, and administration of funds. The report shall also make such recommendations as may be appropriate in each of these areas. The Corporation shall reimburse the Government Accountability Office for the costs associated with performing this midcourse review.

(i) **Recovery of Costs-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** A distribution utility whose transmission, delivery, or sales of electric energy are subject to any form of rate regulation shall not be denied the opportunity to recover the full amount of the prudently incurred costs associated with complying with this section, consistent with applicable State or Federal law.

(2) **RATEPAYER REBATES-** Regulatory authorities that approve cost recovery pursuant to paragraph (1) may order rebates to ratepayers to the extent that distribution utilities are reimbursed undedicated or unassigned balances pursuant to subsection (d)(3).

(j) **Technical Advisory Committee-**

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT-** There is established an advisory committee, to be known as the 'Technical Advisory Committee'.

(2) **MEMBERSHIP-** The Technical Advisory Committee shall be comprised of not less than 7 members appointed by the Board from among academic institutions, national laboratories, independent research institutions, and other qualified institutions. No member of the Committee shall be affiliated with EPRI or with any organization having members serving on the Board. At least one member of the Committee

shall be appointed from among officers or employees of the Department of Energy recommended to the Board by the Secretary of Energy.

(3) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON- The Board shall designate one member of the Technical Advisory Committee to serve as Chairperson of the Committee and one to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Committee.

(4) COMPENSATION- The Board shall provide compensation to members of the Technical Advisory Committee for travel and other incidental expenses and such other compensation as the Board determines to be necessary.

(5) PURPOSE- The Technical Advisory Committee shall provide independent assessments and technical evaluations, as well as make non-binding recommendations to the Board, concerning Corporation activities, including but not limited to the following:

(A) Reviewing and evaluating the Corporation's plans and budgets described in subsection (c)(9), as well as any other appropriate areas, which could include approaches to prioritizing technologies, appropriateness of engineering techniques, monitoring and verification technologies for storage, geological site selection, and cost control measures.

(B) Making annual non-binding recommendations to the Board concerning any of the matters referred to in subparagraph (A), as well as what types of investments, scientific research, or engineering practices would best further the goals of the Corporation.

(6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY- All reports, evaluations, and other materials of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be made available to the public by the Board, without charge, at time of receipt by the Board.

(k) Lobbying Restrictions- No funds collected by the Corporation shall be

used in any manner for influencing legislation or elections, except that the Corporation may recommend to the Secretary and the Congress changes in this section or other statutes that would further the purposes of this section.

(l) Davis-Bacon Compliance- The Corporation shall ensure that entities receiving grants, contracts, or other financial support from the Corporation for the project activities authorized by this section are in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5).

SEC. 115. COMMERCIAL DEPLOYMENT OF CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION TECHNOLOGIES.

Part H of title VII of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act) is amended by adding the following new section after section 785:

‘SEC. 786. COMMERCIAL DEPLOYMENT OF CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION TECHNOLOGIES.

‘(a) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations providing for the distribution of emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(f), pursuant to the requirements of this section, to support the commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies in both electric power generation and industrial operations.

‘(b) Eligibility Criteria- For an owner or operator of a project to be eligible to receive emission allowances under this section, the project must--

‘(1) implement carbon capture and sequestration technology--

‘(A) at an electric generating unit that--

‘(i) has a nameplate capacity of 200 megawatts or

more;

‘(ii) in the case of a retrofit application, applies the carbon capture and sequestration technology to the flue gas from at least 200 megawatts of the total nameplate generating capacity of the unit, provided that clause (i) shall apply without exception;

‘(iii) derives at least 50 percent of its annual fuel input from coal, petroleum coke, or any combination of these 2 fuels; and

‘(iv) upon implementation of capture and sequestration technology, will achieve an emission limit that is at least a 50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by--

‘(I) the unit, measured on an annual basis, determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2); or

‘(II) in the case of retrofit applications under clause (ii), the treated portion of flue gas from the unit, measured on an annual basis, determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2); or

‘(B) at an industrial source that--

‘(i) absent carbon capture and sequestration, would emit greater than 50,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide;

‘(ii) upon implementation, will achieve an emission limit that is at least a 50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the emission point, measured on an annual basis, determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2); and

‘(iii) does not produce a liquid transportation fuel from a solid fossil-based feedstock;

‘(2) geologically sequester carbon dioxide at a site that meets all applicable permitting and certification requirements for geologic sequestration, or, pursuant to such requirements as the Administrator may prescribe by regulation, convert captured carbon dioxide to a stable form that will safely and permanently sequester such carbon dioxide;

‘(3) meet all other applicable State, tribal, and Federal permitting requirements; and

‘(4) be located in the United States.

‘(c) Phase I Distribution to Electric Generating Units-

‘(1) APPLICATION- This subsection shall apply only to projects at the first 6 gigawatts of electric generating units, measured in cumulative generating capacity of such units, that receive allowances under this section.

‘(2) DISTRIBUTION- The Administrator shall distribute emission allowances allocated under section 782(f) to the owner or operator of each eligible project at an electric generating unit in a quantity equal to the quotient obtained by dividing--

‘(A) the product obtained by multiplying--

‘(i) the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions avoided through capture and sequestration of emissions by the project, as determined pursuant to such methodology as the Administrator shall prescribe by regulation; and

‘(ii) a bonus allowance value, pursuant to paragraph

(3); by

‘(B) the average fair market value of an emission allowance during the preceding year.

‘(3) BONUS ALLOWANCE VALUES-

‘(A) For a generating unit achieving the capture and sequestration of 85 percent or more of the carbon dioxide that otherwise would be emitted by such unit, the bonus allowance value shall be \$90 per ton.

‘(B) The Administrator shall by regulation establish a bonus allowance value for each rate of lower capture and sequestration achieved by a generating unit, from a minimum of \$50 per ton for a 50 percent rate and varying directly with increasing rates of capture and sequestration up to \$90 per ton for an 85 percent rate.

‘(C) For a generating unit that achieves the capture and sequestration of at least 50 percent of the carbon dioxide that otherwise would be emitted by such unit by not later than January 1, 2017, the otherwise applicable bonus allowance value under this paragraph shall be increased by \$10, provided that the owner of such unit notifies the Administrator by not later than January 1, 2012, of its intent to achieve such rate of capture and sequestration.

‘(D) For a carbon capture and sequestration project sequestering in a geological formation for purposes of enhanced hydrocarbon recovery, the Administrator shall, by regulation, reduce the applicable bonus allowance value under this paragraph to reflect the lower net cost of the project when compared to sequestration into geological formations solely for purposes of sequestration.

‘(E) The Administrator shall annually adjust for inflation

the bonus allowance values established under this paragraph.

‘(d) Phase II Distribution to Electric Generating Units-

‘(1) APPLICATION- This subsection shall apply only to the distribution of emission allowances for carbon capture and sequestration projects at electric generating units after the capacity threshold identified in subsection (c)(1) is reached.

‘(2) REGULATIONS- Not later than 2 years prior to the date on which the capacity threshold identified in subsection (c)(1) is projected to be reached, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to govern the distribution of emission allowances to the owners or operators of eligible projects under this subsection.

‘(3) REVERSE AUCTIONS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in paragraph (4), the regulations promulgated under paragraph (2) shall provide for the distribution of emission allowances to the owners or operators of eligible projects under this subsection through reverse auctions, which shall be held no less frequently than once each calendar year. The Administrator may establish a separate auction for each of no more than 5 different project categories, defined on the basis of coal type, capture technology, geological formation type, new unit versus retrofit application, such other factors as the Administrator may prescribe, or any combination thereof. The Administrator may establish appropriate minimum rates of capture and sequestration in implementing this paragraph.

‘(B) AUCTION PROCESS- At each reverse auction--

‘(i) the Administrator shall solicit bids from eligible

projects;

‘(ii) eligible projects participating in the auction shall submit a bid including the desired level of carbon dioxide sequestration incentive per ton and the estimated quantity of carbon dioxide that the project will permanently sequester over 10 years; and

‘(iii) the Administrator shall select bids, within each auction, for the sequestration amount submitted, beginning with the eligible project submitting the bid for the lowest level of sequestration incentive on a per ton basis and meeting such other requirements as the Administrator may specify, until the amount of funds available for the reverse auction is committed.

‘(C) FORM OF DISTRIBUTION- The Administrator shall distribute emission allowances to the owners or operators of eligible projects selected through a reverse auction under this paragraph pursuant to a formula equivalent to that described in subsection (c)(2), except that the bonus allowance value that is bid by the entity shall be substituted for the bonus allowance values set forth in subsection (c)(3).

‘(4) ALTERNATIVE DISTRIBUTION METHOD-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- If the Administrator determines that reverse auctions would not provide for efficient and cost-effective commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, the Administrator may instead, through regulations promulgated under paragraph (2) or (5), prescribe a schedule for the award of bonus allowances to the owners or operators of eligible projects under this subsection, in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph.

‘(B) MULTIPLE TRANCHES- The Administrator shall divide emission allowances available for distribution to the owners or operators of eligible projects into a series of tranches, each supporting the deployment of a specified quantity of cumulative electric generating capacity utilizing carbon capture and sequestration technology, each of which shall not be greater than 6 gigawatts.

‘(C) METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION- The Administrator shall distribute emission allowances within each tranche, on a first-come, first-served basis--

‘(i) based on the date of full-scale operation of capture and sequestration technology; and

‘(ii) pursuant to a formula, similar to that set forth in subsection (c)(2) (except that the Administrator shall prescribe bonus allowance values different than those set forth in subsection (c)(3)), establishing the number of allowances to be distributed per ton of carbon dioxide sequestered by the project.

‘(D) REQUIREMENTS- For each tranche established pursuant to subparagraph (B), the Administrator shall establish a schedule for distributing emission allowances that--

‘(i) is based on a sliding scale that provides higher bonus allowance values for projects achieving higher rates of capture and sequestration;

‘(ii) for each capture and sequestration rate, establishes a bonus allowance value that is lower than that established for such rate in the previous tranche (or, in the case of the first tranche, than that established for such rate under subsection (c)(3)); and

‘(iii) may establish different bonus allowance levels for no more than 5 different project categories, defined by coal type, capture technology, geological formation type, new unit versus retrofit application, such other factors as the Administrator may prescribe, or any combination thereof.

‘(E) CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING BONUS ALLOWANCE VALUES- In setting bonus allowance values under this paragraph, the Administrator shall seek to cover no more than the reasonable incremental capital and operating costs of a project that are attributable to implementation of carbon capture, transportation, and sequestration technologies, taking into account--

‘(i) the reduced cost of compliance with section 722 of this Act;

‘(ii) the reduced cost associated with sequestering in a geological formation for purposes of enhanced hydrocarbon recovery when compared to sequestration into geological formations solely for purposes of sequestration;

‘(iii) the relevant factors defining the project category; and

‘(iv) such other factors as the Administrator determines are appropriate.

‘(5) REVISION OF REGULATIONS- The Administrator shall review, and as appropriate revise, the applicable regulations under this subsection no less frequently than every 8 years.

‘(e) Limits for Certain Electric Generating Units-

‘(1) DEFINITIONS- For purposes of this subsection, the terms

‘covered EGU’ and ‘initially permitted’ shall have the meaning given those terms in section 812 of this Act.

‘(2) COVERED EGUS INITIALLY PERMITTED FROM 2009 THROUGH 2014- For a covered EGU that is initially permitted on or after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2015, the Administrator shall reduce the quantity of emission allowances that the owner or operator of such covered EGU would otherwise be eligible to receive under this section as follows:

‘(A) In the case of a unit commencing operation on or before January 1, 2019, if the date in clause (ii)(I) is earlier than the date in clause (ii)(II), by the product of--

‘(i) 20 percent; and

‘(ii) the number of years, if any, that have elapsed between--

‘(I) the earlier of January 1, 2020, or the date that is 5 years after the commencement of operation of such covered EGU; and

‘(II) the first year that such covered EGU achieves (and thereafter maintains) an emission limit that is at least a 50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the unit, measured on an annual basis, as determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2).

‘(B) In the case of a unit commencing operation after January 1, 2019, by the product of--

‘(i) 20 percent; and

‘(ii) the number of years between--

‘(I) the commencement of operation of such covered EGU; and

‘(II) the first year that such covered EGU achieves (and thereafter maintains) an emission limit that is at least a 50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the unit, measured on an annual basis, as determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2).

‘(3) COVERED EGUS INITIALLY PERMITTED FROM 2015 THROUGH 2019- The owner or operator of a covered EGU that is initially permitted on or after January 1, 2015, and before January 1, 2020, shall be ineligible to receive emission allowances pursuant to this section if such unit, upon commencement of operations (and thereafter), does not achieve and maintain an emission limit that is at least a 50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the unit, measured on an annual basis, as determined in accordance with section 812(b)(2).

‘(f) Industrial Sources-

‘(1) ALLOWANCES- The Administrator may distribute not more than 15 percent of the allowances allocated under section 782(f) for any vintage year to the owners or operators of eligible industrial sources to support the commercial-scale deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies at such sources.

‘(2) DISTRIBUTION- The Administrator shall, by regulation, prescribe requirements for the distribution of emission allowances to the owners or operators of industrial sources under this subsection, based on a bonus allowance formula that awards allowances to qualifying projects on the basis of tons of carbon dioxide captured and permanently sequestered. The Administrator may provide for the distribution of emission

allowances pursuant to--

‘(A) a reverse auction method, similar to that described under subsection (d)(3), including the use of separate auctions for different project categories; or

‘(B) an incentive schedule, similar to that described under subsection (d)(4), which shall ensure that incentives are set so as to satisfy the requirement described in subsection (d)(4)(E).

‘(3) REVISION OF REGULATIONS- The Administrator shall review, and as appropriate revise, the applicable regulations under this subsection no less frequently than every 8 years.

‘(g) Limitations- Allowances may be distributed under this section only for tons of carbon dioxide emissions that have already been captured and sequestered. A qualifying project may receive annual emission allowances under this section only for the first 10 years of operation. No greater than 72 gigawatts of total cumulative generating capacity (including industrial applications, measured by such equivalent metric as the Administrator may designate) may receive emission allowances under this section. Upon reaching the limit described in the preceding sentence, any emission allowances that are allocated for carbon capture and sequestration deployment under section 782(f) and are not yet obligated under this section shall be treated as allowances not designated for distribution for purposes of section 782(r).

‘(h) Exhaustion of Account and Annual Roll-over of Surplus Allowances-

‘(1) In distributing emission allowances under this section, the Administrator shall ensure that qualifying projects receiving allowances receive distributions for 10 years.

‘(2) If the Administrator determines that the emission

allowances allocated under section 782(f) with a vintage year that matches the year of distribution will be exhausted once the estimated full 10-year distributions will be provided to current eligible participants, the Administrator shall provide to new eligible projects allowances from vintage years after the year of the distribution.

‘(i) Retrofit Applications- (1) In calculating bonus allowance values for retrofit applications eligible under subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iv)(II), the Administrator shall apply the required capture rates with respect to the treated portion of flue gas from the unit.

‘(2) No additional projects shall be eligible for allowances under subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii) and (iv)(II) as of such time as the Administrator reports, pursuant to section 812(d), that carbon capture and sequestration retrofit projects at electric generating units that are eligible for allowances under this section have been applied, in the aggregate, to the flue gas generated by 1 gigawatt of total cumulative generating capacity. The limitation in the preceding sentence shall not apply to projects that meet the eligibility criteria in subsection (b)(1)(A)(iv)(I).

‘(j) Davis-Bacon Compliance- All laborers and mechanics employed on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by this section through the use of emission allowances shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV, chapter 31, part A of subtitle II of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this subsection, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.’.

SEC. 116. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR COAL-FUELED POWER PLANTS.

(a) In General- Title VIII of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 331 of this Act) is amended by adding the following new section after section 811:

‘SEC. 812. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR NEW COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) COVERED EGU- The term ‘covered EGU’ means a utility unit that is required to have a permit under section 503(a) and is authorized under state or federal law to derive at least 30 percent of its annual heat input from coal, petroleum coke, or any combination of these fuels.

‘(2) INITIALLY PERMITTED- The term ‘initially permitted’ means that the owner or operator has received a Clean Air Act preconstruction approval or permit, for the covered EGU as a new (not a modified) source, but administrative review or appeal of such approval or permit has not been exhausted. A subsequent modification of any such approval or permits, ongoing administrative or court review, appeals, or challenges, or the existence or tolling of any time to pursue further review, appeals, or challenges shall not affect the date on which a covered EGU is considered to be initially permitted under this paragraph.

‘(b) Standards- (1) A covered EGU that is initially permitted on or after January 1, 2020, shall achieve an emission limit that is a 65 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the unit, as measured on an annual basis, or meet such more stringent standard as the Administrator may establish pursuant to subsection (c).

‘(2) A covered EGU that is initially permitted after January 1, 2009, and before January 1, 2020, shall, by the applicable compliance date established under this paragraph, achieve an emission limit that is a

50 percent reduction in emissions of the carbon dioxide produced by the unit, as measured on an annual basis. Compliance with the requirement set forth in this paragraph shall be required by the earliest of the following:

‘(A) Four years after the date the Administrator has published pursuant to subsection (d) a report that there are in commercial operation in the United States electric generating units or other stationary sources equipped with carbon capture and sequestration technology that, in the aggregate--

‘(i) have a total of at least 4 gigawatts of nameplate generating capacity of which--

‘(I) at least 3 gigawatts must be electric generating units; and

‘(II) up to 1 gigawatt may be industrial applications, for which capture and sequestration of 3 million tons of carbon dioxide per year on an aggregate annualized basis shall be considered equivalent to 1 gigawatt;

‘(ii) include at least 2 electric generating units, each with a nameplate generating capacity of 250 megawatts or greater, that capture, inject, and sequester carbon dioxide into geologic formations other than oil and gas fields; and

‘(iii) are capturing and sequestering in the aggregate at least 12 million tons of carbon dioxide per year, calculated on an aggregate annualized basis.

‘(B) January 1, 2025.

‘(3) If the deadline for compliance with paragraph (2) is January 1, 2025, the Administrator may extend the deadline for compliance by a covered EGU by up to 18 months if the Administrator makes a determination, based on a showing by the owner or operator of the

unit, that it will be technically infeasible for the unit to meet the standard by the deadline. The owner or operator must submit a request for such an extension by no later than January 1, 2022, and the Administrator shall provide for public notice and comment on the extension request.

‘(c) Review and Revision of Standards- Not later than 2025 and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the Administrator shall review the standards for new covered EGUs under this section and shall, by rule, reduce the maximum carbon dioxide emission rate for new covered EGUs to a rate which reflects the degree of emission limitation achievable through the application of the best system of emission reduction which (taking into account the cost of achieving such reduction and any nonair quality health and environmental impact and energy requirements) the Administrator determines has been adequately demonstrated.

‘(d) Reports- Not later than the date 18 months after the date of enactment of this title and semiannually thereafter, the Administrator shall publish a report on the nameplate capacity of units (determined pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A)) in commercial operation in the United States equipped with carbon capture and sequestration technology, including the information described in subsection (b)(2)(A) (including the cumulative generating capacity to which carbon capture and sequestration retrofit projects meeting the criteria described in section 786(b)(1)(A)(ii) and (b)(1)(A)(iv)(II) has been applied and the quantities of carbon dioxide captured and sequestered by such projects).

‘(e) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to carry out the requirements of this section.’.

Subtitle C--Clean Transportation

SEC. 121. ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) Amendment of PURPA- Section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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‘(20) PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE
INFRASTRUCTURE-

‘(A) UTILITY PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE- Each electric utility shall develop a plan to support the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles, including heavy-duty hybrid electric vehicles. The plan may provide for deployment of electrical charging stations in public or private locations, including street parking, parking garages, parking lots, homes, gas stations, and highway rest stops. Any such plan may also include--

‘(i) battery exchange, fast charging infrastructure and other services;

‘(ii) triggers for infrastructure deployment based upon market penetration of plug-in electric drive vehicles;
and

‘(iii) such other elements as the State determines necessary to support plug-in electric drive vehicles.

Each plan under this paragraph shall provide for the deployment of the charging infrastructure or other infrastructure necessary to adequately support the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles.

‘(B) SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS- Each State regulatory authority (in the case of each electric utility for which it has ratemaking authority) and each utility (in the case of a nonregulated utility) shall--

‘(i) require that charging infrastructure deployed is interoperable with products of all auto manufacturers to the extent possible; and

‘(ii) consider adopting minimum requirements for deployment of electrical charging infrastructure and other appropriate requirements necessary to support the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles.

‘(C) COST RECOVERY- Each State regulatory authority (in the case of each electric utility for which it has ratemaking authority) and each utility (in the case of a nonregulated utility) shall consider whether, and to what extent, to allow cost recovery for plans and implementation of plans.

‘(D) SMART GRID INTEGRATION- The State regulatory authority (in the case of each electric utility for which it has ratemaking authority) and each utility (in the case of a nonregulated utility) shall, in accordance with regulations issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pursuant to section 1305(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007--

‘(i) establish any appropriate protocols and standards for integrating plug-in electric drive vehicles into an electrical distribution system, including Smart Grid systems and devices as described in title XIII of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

‘(ii) include, to the extent feasible, the ability for each plug-in electric drive vehicle to be identified individually and to be associated with its owner’s electric utility account, regardless of the location that the vehicle is plugged in, for purposes of appropriate billing for any electricity required to charge the vehicle’s batteries as well as any crediting for

electricity provided to the electric utility from the vehicle's batteries; and

‘(iii) review the determination made in response to section 1252 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in light of this section, including whether time-of-use pricing should be employed to enable the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles to contribute to meeting peak-load and ancillary service power needs.’.

(b) Compliance-

(1) TIME LIMITATIONS- Section 112(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622(b)) is amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

‘(7)(A) Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph, each State regulatory authority (with respect to each electric utility for which it has ratemaking authority) and each nonregulated utility shall commence the consideration referred to in section 111, or set a hearing date for consideration, with respect to the standard established by paragraph (20) of section 111(d).

‘(B) Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of the this paragraph, each State regulatory authority (with respect to each electric utility for which it has ratemaking authority), and each nonregulated electric utility, shall complete the consideration, and shall make the determination, referred to in section 111 with respect to the standard established by paragraph (20) of section 111(d).’.

(2) FAILURE TO COMPLY- Section 112(c) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622(c)) is amended by adding the following at the end: ‘In the case of the standards established by paragraph (20) of section 111(d), the reference contained in this subsection to the date of enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of enactment of such paragraph.’.

(3) PRIOR STATE ACTIONS- Section 112(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2622(d)) is amended by striking ‘(19)’ and inserting ‘(20)’ before ‘of section 111(d)’.

SEC. 122. LARGE-SCALE VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM.

(a) Deployment Program- The Secretary of Energy shall establish a program to deploy and integrate plug-in electric drive vehicles into the electricity grid in multiple regions. In carrying out the program, the Secretary may provide financial assistance described under subsection (d), consistent with the goals under subsection (b). The Secretary shall select regions based upon applications for assistance received pursuant to subsection (c).

(b) Goals- The goals of the program established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be--

(1) to demonstrate the viability of a vehicle-based transportation system that is not overly dependent on petroleum as a fuel and contributes to lower carbon emissions than a system based on conventional vehicles;

(2) to facilitate the integration of advanced vehicle technologies into electricity distribution areas to improve system performance and reliability;

(3) to demonstrate the potential benefits of coordinated investments in vehicle electrification on personal mobility and a regional grid;

(4) to demonstrate protocols and standards that facilitate vehicle integration into the grid; and

(5) to investigate differences in each region and regulatory environment regarding best practices in implementing vehicle electrification.

(c) Applications- Any State, Indian tribe, or local government (or group of State, Indian tribe, or local governments) may apply to the Secretary of Energy for financial assistance in furthering the regional deployment and

integration into the electricity grid of plug-in electric drive vehicles. Such applications may be jointly sponsored by electric utilities, automobile manufacturers, technology providers, car sharing companies or organizations, or other persons or entities.

(d) Use of Funds- Pursuant to applications received under subsection (c), the Secretary may make financial assistance available to any applicant or joint sponsor of the application to be used for any of the following:

(1) Assisting persons located in the regional deployment area, including fleet owners, in the purchase of new plug-in electric drive vehicles by offsetting in whole or in part the incremental cost of such vehicles above the cost of comparable conventionally fueled vehicles.

(2) Supporting the use of plug-in electric drive vehicles by funding projects for the deployment of any of the following:

(A) Electrical charging infrastructure for plug-in electric drive vehicles, including battery exchange, fast charging infrastructure, and other services, in public or private locations, including street parking, parking garages, parking lots, homes, gas stations, and highway rest stops.

(B) Smart Grid equipment and infrastructure, as described in title XIII of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, to facilitate the charging and integration of plug-in electric drive vehicles.

(3) Such other projects as the Secretary determines appropriate to support the large-scale deployment of plug-in electric drive vehicles in regional deployment areas.

(e) Program Requirements- The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator and the Secretary of Transportation, shall determine design elements and requirements of the program established pursuant to subsection (a), including--

(1) the type of financial mechanism with which to provide financial assistance;

(2) criteria for evaluating applications submitted under subsection (c), including the anticipated ability to promote deployment and market penetration of vehicles that are less dependent on petroleum as a fuel source; and

(3) reporting requirements for entities that receive financial assistance under this section, including a comprehensive set of performance data characterizing the results of the deployment program.

(f) Information Clearinghouse- The Secretary shall, as part of the program established pursuant to subsection (a), collect and make available to the public information regarding the cost, performance, and other technical data regarding the deployment and integration of plug-in electric drive vehicles.

(g) Authorization- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary.

SEC. 123. PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE MANUFACTURING.

(a) Vehicle Manufacturing Assistance Program- The Secretary of Energy shall establish a program to provide financial assistance to automobile manufacturers to facilitate the manufacture of plug-in electric drive vehicles, as defined in section 131(a)(5) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, that are developed and produced in the United States.

(b) Financial Assistance- The Secretary of Energy may provide financial assistance to an automobile manufacturer under the program established pursuant to subsection (a) for the reconstruction or retooling of facilities for the manufacture of plug-in electric drive vehicles or batteries for such vehicles that are developed and produced in the United States.

(c) Coordination With Regional Deployment- The Secretary may provide

financial assistance under subsection (b) in conjunction with the award of financial assistance under the large scale vehicle electrification program established pursuant to section 122 of this Act.

(d) Program Requirements- The Secretary shall determine design elements and requirements of the program established pursuant to subsection (a), including--

(1) the type of financial mechanism with which to provide financial assistance;

(2) criteria, in addition to the criteria described under subsection (e), for evaluating applications for financial assistance; and

(3) reporting requirements for automobile manufacturers that receive financial assistance under this section.

(e) Criteria- In selecting recipients of financial assistance from among applicant automobile manufacturers, the Secretary shall give preference to proposals that--

(1) are most likely to be successful; and

(2) are located in local markets that have the greatest need for the facility.

(f) Reports- The Secretary shall annually submit to Congress a report on the program established pursuant to this section.

(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 124. INVESTMENT IN CLEAN VEHICLES.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

(1) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES AND QUALIFYING

COMPONENTS- The terms ‘advanced technology vehicles’ and ‘qualifying components’ shall have the definition of such terms in section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, except that for purposes of this section, the average base year as described in such section 136(a)(1)(C) shall be the following:

(A) In each of the years 2012 through 2016, model year 2009.

(B) In 2017, the Administrator shall, notwithstanding such section 136(a)(1)(C), determine an appropriate baseline based on technological and economic feasibility.

(2) PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE- The term ‘plug-in electric drive vehicle’ shall have the definition of such term in section 131 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

(b) **Distribution of Allowances-** The Administrator shall, in accordance with this section, distribute emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(i) of the Clean Air Act not later than September 30 of 2012 and each calendar year thereafter through 2025.

(c) **Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Manufacturing and Deployment-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Administrator shall, at the direction of the Secretary of Energy, provide emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(i) to applicants, joint sponsors and automobile manufacturers pursuant to sections 122 and 123 of this Act.

(2) **ANNUAL AMOUNT-** In each of the years 2012 through 2017, one-quarter of the portion of the emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(i) of the Clean Air Act shall be available to carry out paragraph (1) such that--

(A) one-eighth of the portion shall be available to carry out section 122; and

(B) one-eighth of the portion shall be available to carry out section

123.

(3) PREFERENCE- In directing the provision of emission allowances under this subsection to carry out section 122, the Secretary shall give preference to applications under section 122(c) that are jointly sponsored by one or more automobile manufacturers.

(4) MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS- The Administrator shall commit to providing emission allowances to an applicant, joint sponsor, or automobile manufacturer for up to five consecutive years if--

(A) an application under section 122 or 123 of this Act requests a multi-year commitment;

(B) such application meets the criteria for support established by the Secretary of Energy under section 122 or 123 of this Act;

(C) the Administrator confirms to the Secretary that emission allowances will be available for a multi-year commitment;

(D) the Secretary of Energy determines that a multi-year commitment for such application will advance the goals of section 122 or 123; and

(E) the Secretary of Energy directs the Administrator to make a multi-year commitment.

(5) INSUFFICIENT APPLICATIONS- If, in any year, emission allowances available under paragraph (2) cannot be provided because of insufficient numbers of submitted applications that meet the criteria for support established by the Secretary of Energy under section 122 or 123 of this Act, the remaining emission allowances shall be distributed according to subsection (d).

(d) Advanced Technology Vehicles-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall, at the direction of the

Secretary of Energy, provide any emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(i) of the Clean Air Act that are not provided under subsection (c) to automobile manufacturers and component suppliers to pay not more than 30 percent of the cost of--

(A) reequipping, expanding, or establishing a manufacturing facility in the United States to produce--

(i) qualifying advanced technology vehicles; or

(ii) qualifying components; and

(B) engineering integration performed in the United States of qualifying vehicles and qualifying components.

(2) PREFERENCE- In directing the provision of emission allowances under this subsection during the years 2012 through 2017, the Secretary shall give preference to applications for projects that save the maximum number of gallons of fuel.

SEC. 125. ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLE MANUFACTURING INCENTIVE LOANS.

Section 136(d)(1) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17013(d)(1)) is amended by striking ‘\$25,000,000,000’ and inserting ‘\$50,000,000,000’.

SEC. 126. DEFINITION OF RENEWABLE BIOMASS.

(a) In General- Section 211(o)(1)(I) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(1)(I)) is amended to read as follows:

‘(I) RENEWABLE BIOMASS- The term ‘renewable biomass’ means any of the following:

‘(i) Materials, pre-commercial thinnings, or removed invasive species from National Forest System land and

public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), including those that are byproducts of preventive treatments (such as trees, wood, brush, thinnings, chips, and slash), that are removed as part of a federally recognized timber sale, or that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health, and that are--

‘(I) not from components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, Wilderness Study Areas, Inventoried Roadless Areas, old growth stands, late-successional stands (except for dead, severely damaged, or badly infested trees), components of the National Landscape Conservation System, National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Designated Primitive Areas, or Wild and Scenic Rivers corridors;

‘(II) harvested in environmentally sustainable quantities, as determined by the appropriate Federal land manager; and

‘(III) harvested in accordance with Federal and State law, and applicable land management plans.

‘(ii) Any organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis from non-Federal land or land belonging to an Indian or Indian tribe that is held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, including--

‘(I) renewable plant material, including--

‘(aa) feed grains;

‘(bb) other agricultural commodities;

‘(cc) other plants and trees; and

‘(dd) algae; and

‘(II) waste material, including--

‘(aa) crop residue;

‘(bb) other vegetative waste material (including wood waste and wood residues);

‘(cc) animal waste and byproducts (including fats, oils, greases, and manure);

‘(dd) construction waste;

‘(ee) food waste and yard waste; and

‘(ff) the non-fossil biogenic portion of municipal solid waste and construction, demolition, and disaster debris.

‘(iii) Residues and byproducts from wood, pulp, or paper products facilities.’.

(b) Reduction- The last sentence of section 211(o)(7)(D) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(7)(D)) is amended to read as follows: ‘For any calendar year in which the Administrator makes such a reduction, the Administrator shall also reduce the applicable volume of renewable fuel and advanced biofuels requirement established under paragraph (2)(B) by the same volume.’.

SEC. 127. OPEN FUEL STANDARD.

(a) Findings- The Congress finds that--

(1) the status of oil as a strategic commodity, which derives from its

domination of the transportation sector, presents a clear and present danger to the United States;

(2) in a prior era, when salt was a strategic commodity, salt mines conferred national power and wars were fought over the control of such mines;

(3) technology, in the form of electricity and refrigeration, decisively ended salt's monopoly of meat preservation and greatly reduced its strategic importance;

(4) fuel competition and consumer choice would similarly serve to end oil's monopoly in the transportation sector and strip oil of its strategic status;

(5) the current closed fuel market has allowed a cartel of petroleum exporting countries to inflate fuel prices, effectively imposing a harmful tax on the economy of the United States;

(6) much of the inflated petroleum revenues the oil cartel earns at the expense of the people of the United States are used for purposes antithetical to the interests of the United States and its allies;

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(7) alcohol fuels, including ethanol and methanol, could potentially provide significant supplies of additional fuels that could be produced in the United States and in many other countries in the Western Hemisphere that are friendly to the United States;

(8) alcohol fuels can only play a major role in securing the energy independence of the United States if a substantial portion of vehicles in the United States are capable of operating on such fuels;

(9) it is not in the best interest of United States consumers or the United States Government to be constrained to depend solely upon petroleum resources for vehicle fuels if alcohol fuels are potentially available;

(10) existing technology, in the form of flexible fuel vehicles, allows internal combustion engine cars and trucks to be produced at little or no additional cost, which are capable of operating on conventional gasoline, alcohol fuels, or any combination of such fuels, as availability or cost advantage dictates, providing a platform on which fuels can compete;

(11) the necessary distribution system for such alcohol fuels will not be developed in the United States until a substantial fraction of the vehicles in the United States are capable of operating on such fuels;

(12) the establishment of such a vehicle fleet and distribution system would provide a large market that would mobilize private resources to substantially advance the technology and expand the production of alcohol fuels in the United States and abroad;

(13) the United States has an urgent national security interest to develop alcohol fuels technology, production, and distribution systems as rapidly as possible;

(14) new cars sold in the United States that are equipped with an internal combustion engine should allow for fuel competition by being flexible fuel vehicles, and new diesel cars should be capable of operating on biodiesel; and

(15) such an open fuel standard would help to protect the United States economy from high and volatile oil prices and from the threats caused by global instability, terrorism, and natural disaster.

(b) Open Fuel Standard for Transportation- (1) Chapter 329 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘Sec. 32920. Open fuel standard for transportation

‘(a) Definitions- In this section:

‘(1) E85- The term ‘E85’ means a fuel mixture containing 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline by volume.

‘(2) FLEXIBLE FUEL AUTOMOBILE- The term ‘flexible fuel automobile’ means an automobile that has been warranted by its manufacturer to operate on gasoline, E85, and M85.

‘(3) FUEL CHOICE-ENABLING AUTOMOBILE- The term ‘fuel choice-enabling automobile’ means--

‘(A) a flexible fuel automobile; or

‘(B) an automobile that has been warranted by its manufacturer to operate on biodiesel.

‘(4) LIGHT-DUTY AUTOMOBILE- The term ‘light-duty automobile’ means--

‘(A) a passenger automobile; or

‘(B) a non-passenger automobile.

‘(5) LIGHT-DUTY AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURER’S ANNUAL COVERED INVENTORY- The term ‘light-duty automobile manufacturer’s annual covered inventory’ means the number of light-duty automobiles powered by an internal combustion engine that a manufacturer, during a given calendar year, manufactures in the United States or imports from outside of the United States for sale in the United States.

‘(6) M85- The term ‘M85’ means a fuel mixture containing 85 percent methanol and 15 percent gasoline by volume.

‘(b) Open Fuel Standard for Transportation-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary may promulgate regulations to require each light-duty automobile manufacturer’s annual covered inventory to be comprised of a minimum percentage of fuel-choice enabling automobiles, with sufficient lead time, if the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy and

the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, determines such requirement is a cost-effective way to achieve the Nation's energy independence and environmental objectives. The cost-effective determination shall consider the future availability of both alternative fuel supply and infrastructure to deliver the alternative fuel to the fuel-choice enabling vehicles.

‘(2) TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS-

‘(A) APPLICATION- A manufacturer may request an exemption from the requirement described in paragraph (1) by submitting an application to the Secretary, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require by regulation. Each such application shall specify the models, lines, and types of automobiles affected.

‘(B) EVALUATION- After evaluating an application received from a manufacturer, the Secretary may at any time, under such terms and conditions, and to such extent as the Secretary considers appropriate, temporarily exempt, or renew the exemption of, a light-duty automobile from the requirement described in paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that unavoidable events not under the control of the manufacturer prevent the manufacturer of such automobile from meeting its required production volume of fuel choice-enabling automobiles, including--

‘(i) a disruption in the supply of any component required for compliance with the regulations;

‘(ii) a disruption in the use and installation by the manufacturer of such component; or

‘(iii) application to plug-in electric drive vehicles causing such vehicles to fail to meet State air quality requirements.

‘(C) CONSOLIDATION- The Secretary may consolidate applications received from multiple manufacturers under subparagraph (A) if they are of a similar nature.

‘(D) CONDITIONS- Any exemption granted under subparagraph (B) shall be conditioned upon the manufacturer’s commitment to recall the exempted automobiles for installation of the omitted components within a reasonable time proposed by the manufacturer and approved by the Secretary after such components become available in sufficient quantities to satisfy both anticipated production and recall volume requirements.

‘(E) NOTICE- The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register--

‘(i) notice of each application received from a manufacturer;

‘(ii) notice of each decision to grant or deny a temporary exemption; and

‘(iii) the reasons for granting or denying such exemptions.’.

(2) The table of contents in chapter 329 of such title is amended adding at the end the following:

‘32920. Open fuel standard for transportation.’.

SEC. 128. DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION.

Subtitle G of title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16131 et seq.) is amended--

(1) in the matter preceding clause (i) in section 791(3)(B), by inserting ‘in any State’ after ‘nonprofit organization or institution’;

(2) in section 791(9), by striking ‘The term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia.’ and inserting ‘The term ‘State’ includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.’;

(3) in section 793(c)--

(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking ‘51 States’ and inserting ‘56 States’;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking ‘1.96 percent’ and inserting ‘1.785 percent’;

(C) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking ‘51 States’ and inserting ‘56 States’; and

(D) in paragraph (2)(B), by amending clause (ii) to read as follows:

‘(ii) the amount of funds remaining after each State described in paragraph (1) receives the 1.785-percent allocation under this paragraph.’; and

(4) in section 797, by striking ‘2011’ and inserting ‘2016’.

SEC. 129. LOAN GUARANTEES FOR PROJECTS TO CONSTRUCT RENEWABLE FUEL PIPELINES.

(a) Definitions- Section 1701 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(6) RENEWABLE FUEL- The term ‘renewable fuel’ has the meaning given the term in section 211(o)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(1)), except that the term shall include all ethanol and biodiesel.

‘(7) RENEWABLE FUEL PIPELINE- The term ‘renewable fuel pipeline’ means a common carrier pipeline for transporting

renewable fuel.’.

(b) Renewable Fuel Pipeline Eligibility- Section 1703(b) the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(11) Renewable fuel pipelines.’.

SEC. 130. FLEET VEHICLES.

Section 508 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13258) is amended as follows:

(1) By adding the following new paragraph at the end of subsection (a):

‘(6) REPOWERED OR CONVERTED ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES- As used in this paragraph, the term ‘repowered or converted alternative fueled vehicle’ includes light-, medium- or heavy-duty motor vehicles that have been modified with an EPA or CARB compliant engine or vehicle or aftermarket system so that the vehicle or engine is capable of operating on an alternative fuel.’.

(2) By adding the following new paragraph at the end of subsection (b):

‘(3) Repowered or converted vehicles. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Secretary shall allocate credits to fleets that repower or convert an existing vehicle so that it is capable of operating on an alternative fuel. In the case of any medium- or heavy-duty vehicle that is repowered or converted so that it is capable of operating on an alternative fuel, the Secretary shall allocate additional credits for such vehicles if he determines that such vehicles displace more petroleum than light duty alternative fueled vehicles. Such rules shall also include a requirement that such vehicles remain in the fleet for a period of no less than 2 years in order to continue to qualify for credit. The Secretary also shall extend the flexibility afforded in this paragraph to

Federal fleets subject to the purchase provisions contained in section 303 of this Act.’.

SEC. 130A. REPORT ON NATURAL GAS VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS.

Within 360 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretaries of Energy and Transportation, and the Administrator of the General Services Administration, and after an examination of available scientific studies or analysis, shall submit to the Congress a report on--

- (1) the contribution that light and heavy duty natural gas vehicles, by category and State, have made during the last decade to the reduction of greenhouse gases and criteria pollutants under the Clean Air Act, and the reduced consumption of petroleum-based fuels;
- (2) the contribution that light and heavy duty natural gas vehicles are expected to make from 2010 to 2020 in reducing greenhouse gas and criteria pollutants under the Clean Air Act based, among other things, on additional Federal incentives for the manufacture and deployment of natural gas vehicles provided in this Act, and other Federal legislation; and
- (3) additional Federal measures, including legislation, that could, if implemented, maximize the potential for natural gas used in both stationary and mobile sources to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases and criteria pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

Subtitle D--State Energy and Environment Development Accounts

SEC. 131. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEED ACCOUNTS.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

- (1) SEED ACCOUNT- The term ‘SEED Account’ means a State

Energy and Environment Development Account established pursuant to this section.

(2) STATE ENERGY OFFICE- The term ‘State Energy Office’ means a State entity eligible for grants under part D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

(b) Establishment of Program- The Administrator shall establish a program under which a State, through its State Energy Office or other State agency designated by the State, may operate a State Energy and Environment Development Account.

(c) Purpose- The purpose of each SEED Account is to serve as a common State-level repository for managing and accounting for emission allowances provided to States designated for renewable energy and energy efficiency purposes.

(d) Regulations- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section, including regulations--

(1) to ensure that each State operates its SEED Account and any subaccounts thereof efficiently and in accordance with this Act and applicable State and Federal laws;

(2) to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse;

(3) to indicate the emission allowances that may be deposited in a State’s SEED Account pending distribution or use;

(4) to indicate the programs and objectives authorized by Federal law for which emission allowances in a SEED Account may be distributed or used;

(5) to identify the forms of financial assistance and incentives that States may provide through distribution or use of SEED Accounts; and

(6) to prescribe the form and content of reports that the States are required to submit under this section on the use of SEED Accounts.

(e) Operation-

(1) DEPOSITS-

(A) IN GENERAL- In the allowance tracking system established pursuant to section 724(d) of the Clean Air Act, the Administrator shall establish a SEED Account for each State and place in it the allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(g) of the Clean Air Act to be distributed to States pursuant to sections 132 and 201 of this Act.

(B) FINANCIAL ACCOUNT- A State may create a financial account associated with its SEED Account to deposit, retain, and manage any proceeds of any sale of any allowance provided pursuant to this Act pending expenditure or disbursement of those proceeds for purposes permitted under this section. The funds in such an account shall not be commingled with other funds not derived from the sale of allowances provided to the State; however, loans made by the State from such funds pursuant to paragraph (2)(C)(i) may be repaid into such a financial account, including any interest charged.

(2) WITHDRAWALS-

(A) IN GENERAL- All allowances distributed pursuant to sections 132 and 201, including the proceeds of any sale of such allowances, shall support renewable energy and energy efficiency programs authorized or approved by the Federal Government.

(B) DEDICATED ALLOWANCES- Allowances distributed pursuant to sections 132 and 201 that are required by law to be used for specific purposes for a specified period shall be used according to those requirements during that period.

(C) UNDEDICATED ALLOWANCES- To the extent that allowances distributed pursuant to sections 132 and 201 are not required by law to be used for specific purposes for a specified period as described in subparagraph (B), such allowances or the proceeds of their sale may be used for any of the following purposes:

(i) LOANS- Loans of allowances, or the proceeds from the sale of allowances, may be provided, interest on commercial loans may be subsidized at an interest rate as low as zero, and other credit support may be provided to support programs authorized to use SEED Account allowance value or any other renewable energy or energy efficiency purpose authorized or approved by the Federal Government.

(ii) GRANTS- Grants of allowances or the proceeds of their sale may be provided to support programs authorized to use SEED Account allowance value or any other renewable energy or energy efficiency purpose authorized or approved by the Federal Government.

(iii) OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT- Allowances or the proceeds of the sale of allowances may be provided for other forms of support for programs authorized to use SEED Account allowance value or any other renewable energy or energy efficiency purpose authorized or approved by the Federal Government.

(iv) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS- Except to the extent provided in Federal law authorizing or allocating allowances deposited in a SEED Account, not more than 5 percent of the allowance value in a SEED Account in any year may be used to cover administrative expenses of the SEED Account.

(D) SUBACCOUNTS- A State may request that the Administrator establish accounts for local governments that request such subaccounts to hold allowances distributed to local governments for

renewable energy or energy efficiency programs authorized or approved by the Federal Government.

(E) INTENDED USE PLANS-

(i) **IN GENERAL-** After providing for public review and comment, each State administering a SEED Account shall annually prepare a plan that identifies the intended uses of the allowances or proceeds from the sale of allowances in its SEED Account.

(ii) **CONTENTS-** An intended use plan shall include--

(I) a list of the projects or programs for which withdrawals from the SEED Account are intended in the next fiscal year that begins after the date of the plan, including a description of each project;

(II) the relationship of each of the projects or programs to an identified Federal purpose authorized by this Act, or any other Federal statute;

(III) the expected terms of use of allowance value to provide assistance;

(IV) the criteria and methods established for the distribution of allowances or allowance value;

(V) a description of the equivalent financial value and status of the SEED Account; and

(VI) a statement of the mid-term and long-term goals of the State for use of its SEED Account.

(3) ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY-

(A) **CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES-** Any State that has a SEED Account shall establish fiscal controls and recordkeeping and

accounting procedures for the SEED Account sufficient to ensure proper accounting during appropriate accounting periods for distributions into the SEED Account, transfers from the SEED Account, and SEED Account balances, including any related financial accounts. Such controls and procedures shall conform to generally accepted government accounting principles. Any State that has a SEED Account shall retain records for a period of at least 5 years.

(B) AUDITS- Any State that has a SEED Account shall have an annual audit conducted of the SEED Account by an independent public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and shall transmit the results of that audit to the Administrator.

(C) STATE REPORT- Each State administering a SEED Account shall make publicly available and submit to the Administrator a report every 2 years on its activities related to its SEED Account.

(D) PUBLIC INFORMATION- Any--

- (i) controls and procedures established under subparagraph (A); and

- (ii) information obtained through audits conducted under subparagraph (B), except to the extent that it would be protected from disclosure, if it were information held by the Federal Government, under section 552(b) of title 5, United States Code,

shall be made publicly available.

(E) OTHER PROTECTIONS- The Administrator shall require such additional procedures and protections as are necessary to ensure that any State that has a SEED Account will operate the SEED Account in an accountable and transparent manner.

(f) Requirements for Eligibility- A State's eligibility to receive allowances in its SEED Account shall depend on that State's compliance with the requirements of this Act (and the amendments made by this Act).

(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator such sums as may be necessary for SEED Account operations.

SEC. 132. SUPPORT OF STATE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

(1) ALLOWANCE- The term 'allowance' means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act).

(2) COST-EFFECTIVE- The term 'cost-effective', with respect to an energy efficiency program, means that the program meets the Total Resource Cost Test, which requires that the net present value of economic benefits over the life of the program or measure, including avoided supply and delivery costs and deferred or avoided investments, is greater than the net present value of the economic costs over the life of the program, including program costs and incremental costs borne by the energy consumer.

(3) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE- The term 'renewable energy resource' shall have the meaning given that term in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as added by section 101 of this Act).

(4) VINTAGE YEAR- The term 'vintage year' shall the meaning given that term in section 700 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act).

(b) Distribution Among States- Not later than September 30 of each

calendar year from 2011 through 2049, the Administrator shall, in accordance with this section, distribute allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(g)(1) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act) for the following vintage year. The Administrator shall distribute 0.5 percent of such allowances pursuant to section 133 of this Act. The Administrator shall distribute the remaining allowances to States for renewable energy and energy efficiency programs to be deposited in and administered through the State Energy and Environment Development (SEED) Accounts established pursuant to section 131. The Administrator shall distribute allowances among the States under this section each year in accordance with the following formula:

(1) One third of the allowances shall be divided equally among the States.

(2) One third of the allowances shall be distributed ratably among the States based on the population of each State, as contained in the most recent reliable census data available from the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, for all States at the time the Administrator calculates the formula for distribution.

(3) One third of the allowances for shall be distributed ratably among the States on the basis of the energy consumption of each State as contained in the most recent State Energy Data Report available from the Energy Information Administration (or such alternative reliable source as the Administrator may designate).

(c) Uses- The allowances distributed to each State pursuant to this section shall be used exclusively in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) Not less than 12.5 percent shall be distributed by the State to units of local government within such State to be used exclusively to support the energy efficiency and renewable energy purposes listed in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Not less than 20 percent shall be used exclusively for the following energy efficiency purposes, provided that not less than 1 percent shall

be used for the purpose described in subparagraph (D) and not less than 5.5 percent shall be used for the purpose described in subparagraph (E):

(A) Implementation and enforcement of building codes adopted in compliance with section 201.

(B) Implementation of the energy efficient manufactured homes program established pursuant to section 203.

(C) Implementation of the building energy performance labeling program established pursuant to section 204.

(D) Low-income community energy efficiency programs that are consistent with the grant program established under section 264 of this Act.

(E) Implementation of the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program established pursuant to section 202.

(3) Not less than 20 percent shall be used exclusively for capital grants, tax credits, production incentives, loans, loan guarantees, forgivable loans, direct provision of allowances, and interest rate buy-downs for--

(A) re-equipping, expanding, or establishing a manufacturing facility that receives certification from the Secretary of Energy pursuant to section 1302 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the production of--

(i) property designed to be used to produce energy from renewable energy sources; and

(ii) electricity storage systems;

(B) deployment of technologies to generate electricity from renewable energy sources; and

(C) deployment of facilities or equipment, such as solar panels, to generate electricity or thermal energy from renewable energy

resources in and on buildings in an urban environment.

(4) The remaining 47.5 percent shall be used exclusively for any of the following purposes:

(A) Energy efficiency purposes described in paragraph (2).

(B) Renewable energy purposes described in paragraph (3)(B) and (C).

(C) Cost-effective energy efficiency programs for end-use consumers of electricity, natural gas, home heating oil, or propane, including, where appropriate, programs or mechanisms administered by local governments and entities other than the State.

(D) Enabling the development of a Smart Grid (as described in section 1301 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17381)) for State, local government, and other public buildings and facilities, including integration of renewable energy resources and distributed generation, demand response, demand side management, and systems analysis.

(E) Providing the non-Federal share of support for surface transportation capital projects under--

(i) sections 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310, 5311 and 5319 of title 49, United States Code; and

(ii) sections 142, 146, and 149 of title 23, United States Code,

provided that not more than 10 percent of allowances distributed to each State pursuant to this section shall be used for such purpose.

(5) For any allowances used for the purpose described in paragraph (4)(C), the State shall--

(A) prioritize expansion of existing energy efficiency programs approved and overseen by the State or the appropriate State

regulatory authority; and

(B) demonstrate that such allowances have been used to supplement, and not to supplant, existing and otherwise available State, local, and ratepayer funding for such purpose.

(d) Reporting- Each State receiving allowances under this section shall include in its biennial reports required under section 131, in accordance with such requirements as the Administrator may prescribe--

(1) a list of entities receiving allowances or allowance value under this section, including entities receiving such allowances or allowance value from units of local government pursuant to subsection (c)(1);

(2) the amount and nature of allowances or allowance value received by each such recipient;

(3) the specific purposes for which such allowances or allowance value was conveyed to each such recipient;

(4) documentation of the amount of energy savings, emission reductions, renewable energy deployment, and new or retooled manufacturing capacity resulting from the use of such allowances or allowance value; and

(5) for any energy efficiency program supported under subsection (c)(4)(C)--

(A) an assessment demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of such program; and

(B) a demonstration that the requirements set forth in subsection (c)(5) have been satisfied.

(e) Enforcement- If the Administrator determines that a State is not in compliance with this section, the Administrator may withhold up to twice the number of allowances that the State failed to use in accordance with the

requirements of this section, that such State would otherwise be eligible to receive under this section in later years. Allowances withheld pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed among the remaining States in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b).

SEC. 133. SUPPORT OF INDIAN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

(1) ALLOWANCE; COST-EFFECTIVE; RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE- The terms ‘allowance’, ‘cost-effective’, and ‘renewable energy resource’ have the meaning given those terms in section 132 of this Act.

(2) INDIAN TRIBE- The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25. U.S.C. 450b).

(3) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(b) Establishment- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Administrator and the Secretary of the Interior, promulgate regulations establishing a program to distribute allowances to Indian tribes on a competitive basis for the following purposes:

(1) ENERGY EFFICIENCY- Cost-effective energy efficiency programs for end-use consumers of electricity, natural gas, home heating oil, or propane.

(2) RENEWABLE ENERGY- Deployment of technologies to generate electricity from renewable energy resources.

(c) Requirements- The regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (b) shall prescribe design elements and requirements of the program established

under this section, including--

- (1) objective criteria for evaluating proposals submitted by Indian tribes, and for selecting projects and programs to receive support, under this section;
 - (2) reporting requirements for Indian tribes that receive allowances under this section; and
 - (3) other appropriate elements and requirements.
- (d) Distribution- The Administrator shall, at the direction of the Secretary, distribute to Indian tribes allowances that are set aside, pursuant to section 132, for use under this section.

Subtitle E--Smart Grid Advancement

SEC. 141. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle:

- (1) The term ‘applicable baseline’ means the average of the highest three annual peak demands a load-serving entity has experienced during the 5 years immediately prior to the date of enactment of this Act.
- (2) The term ‘Commission’ means Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- (3) The term ‘load-serving entity’ means an entity that provides electricity directly to retail consumers with the responsibility to assure power quality and reliability, including such entities that are investor-owned, publicly owned, owned by rural electric cooperatives, or other entities.
- (4) The term ‘peak demand’ means the highest point of electricity demand, net of any distributed electricity generation or storage from sources on the load-serving entity’s customers’ premises, during any

hour on the system of a load serving entity during a calendar year, expressed in Megawatts (MW), or more than one such high point as a function of seasonal demand changes.

(5) The term ‘peak demand reduction’ means the reduction in annual peak demand as compared to a previous baseline year or period, expressed in Megawatts (MW), whether accomplished by--

(A) diminishing the end-use requirements for electricity;

(B) use of locally stored energy or generated electricity to meet those requirements from distributed resources on the load-serving entity’s customers’ premises and without use of high-voltage transmission; or

(C) energy savings from efficient operation of the distribution grid resulting from the use of a Smart Grid.

(6) The term ‘peak demand reduction plan’ means a plan developed by or for a load-serving entity that it will implement to meet its peak demand reduction goals.

(7) The term ‘peak period’ means the time period on the system of a load-serving entity relative to peak demand that may warrant special measures or electricity resources to maintain system reliability while meeting peak demand.

(8) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(9) The term ‘Smart Grid’ has the meaning provided by section 1301 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (15 U.S.C. 17381).

SEC. 142. ASSESSMENT OF SMART GRID COST EFFECTIVENESS IN PRODUCTS.

(a) Assessment- Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Administrator shall each assess the potential for

cost-effective integration of Smart Grid technologies and capabilities in all products that are reviewed by the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively, for potential designation as Energy Star products.

(b) Analysis- (1) Within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Administrator shall each prepare an analysis of the potential energy savings, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and electricity cost savings that could accrue for each of the products identified by the assessment in subsection (a) in the following optimal circumstances:

(A) The products possessed Smart Grid capability and interoperability that is tested and proven reliable.

(B) The products were utilized in an electricity utility service area which had Smart Grid capability and offered customers rate or program incentives to use the products.

(C) The utility's rates reflected national average costs, including average peak and valley seasonal and daily electricity costs.

(D) Consumers using such products took full advantage of such capability.

(E) The utility avoided incremental investments and rate increases related to such savings.

(2) The analysis under paragraph (1) shall be considered the 'best case' Smart Grid analysis. On the basis of such an analysis for each product, the Secretary and the Administrator shall determine whether the installation of Smart Grid capability for such a product would be cost effective. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'cost effective' means that the cumulative savings from using the product under the best case Smart Grid circumstances for a period of one-half of the product's expected useful life will be greater than the incremental cost of the Smart Grid features included in the product.

(3) To the extent that including Smart Grid capability in any products analyzed under paragraph (2) is found to be cost effective in the best case, the Secretary and the Administrator shall, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act take each of the following actions:

(A) Inform the manufacturer of such product of such finding of cost effectiveness.

(B) Assess the potential contributions the development and use of products with Smart Grid technologies bring to reducing peak demand and promoting grid stability.

(C) Assess the potential national energy savings and electricity cost savings that could be realized if Smart Grid potential were installed in the relevant products reviewed by the Energy Star program.

(D) Assess and identify options for providing consumers information on products with Smart Grid capabilities, including the necessary conditions for cost-effective savings.

(E) Submit a report to Congress summarizing the results of the assessment for each class of products, and presenting the potential energy and greenhouse gas savings that could result if Smart Grid capability were installed and utilized on such products.

SEC. 143. INCLUSIONS OF SMART GRID CAPABILITY ON APPLIANCE ENERGY GUIDE LABELS.

Section 324(a)(2) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6294(a)(2)) is amended by adding the following at the end:

‘(J)(i) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Federal Trade Commission shall initiate a rulemaking to consider making a special note in a prominent manner on any ENERGY GUIDE label for any product actually including Smart Grid capability that--

‘(I) Smart Grid capability is a feature of that product;

‘(II) the use and value of that feature depended on the Smart Grid capability of the utility system in which the product was installed and the active utilization of that feature by the customer; and

‘(III) on a utility system with Smart Grid capability, the use of the product’s Smart Grid capability could reduce the customer’s cost of the product’s annual operation by an estimated dollar amount range representing the result of incremental energy and electricity cost savings that would result from the customer taking full advantage of such Smart Grid capability.

‘(ii) Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Commission shall complete the rulemaking initiated under clause (i).’.

SEC. 144. SMART GRID PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION GOALS.

(a) Goals- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, each load-serving entity, or, at the option of the State, each State with respect to load-serving entities that the State regulates, shall determine and publish peak demand reduction goals for any load-serving entities that have an applicable baseline in excess of 250 megawatts.

(b) Baselines- (1) The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary and the Administrator, shall develop and publish, after an opportunity for public comment, but not later than 180 days after enactment of this section, a methodology to provide for adjustments or normalization to a load-serving entity’s applicable baseline over time to reflect changes in the number of customers served, weather conditions, general economic conditions, and any other appropriate factors external to peak demand management, as

determined by the Commission.

(2) The Commission shall support load-serving entities (including any load-serving entities with an applicable baseline of less than 250 megawatts that volunteer to participate in achieving the purposes of this section) in determining their applicable baselines, and in developing their peak demand reduction goals.

(3) The Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, the Administrator, and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, shall develop a system and rules for measurement and verification of demand reductions.

(c) Peak Demand Reduction Goals- (1) Peak demand reduction goals may be established for an individual load-serving entity, or, at the determination of a State, tribal, or regional entity, by that State, tribal, or regional entity for a larger region that shares a common system peak demand and for which peak demand reduction measures would offer regional benefit.

(2) A State or regional entity establishing peak demand reduction goals shall cooperate, as necessary and appropriate, with the Commission, the Secretary, State regulatory commissions, State energy offices, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, and other relevant authorities.

(3) In determining the applicable peak demand reduction goals--

(A) States and other jurisdictional entities may utilize the results of the 2009 National Demand Response Potential Assessment, as authorized by section 571 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8279); and

(B) the relative economics of peak demand reduction and generation required to meet peak demand shall be evaluated in a neutral and objective manner.

(4) The applicable peak demand reduction goals shall provide that--

(A) load-serving entities will reduce or mitigate peak demand by a

minimum percentage amount from the applicable baseline to a lower peak demand during calendar year 2012;

(B) load-serving entities will reduce or mitigate peak demand by a minimum percentage greater amount from the applicable baseline to a lower peak demand during calendar year 2015; and

(C) the minimum percentage reductions established as peak demand reduction goals shall be the maximum reductions that are realistically achievable with an aggressive effort to deploy Smart Grid and peak demand reduction technologies and methods, including but not limited to those listed in subsection (d).

(d) Plan- Each load-serving entity shall prepare a peak demand reduction plan that demonstrates its ability to meet each applicable goal by any or a combination of the following options:

(1) Direct reduction in megawatts of peak demand through--

(A) energy efficiency measures (including efficient transmission wire technologies which significantly reduce line loss compared to traditional wire technology) with reliable and continued application during peak demand periods; or

(B) use of a Smart Grid.

(2) Demonstration that an amount of megawatts equal to a stated portion of the applicable goal is contractually committed to be available for peak reduction through one or more of the following:

(A) Megawatts enrolled in demand response programs.

(B) Megawatts subject to the ability of a load-serving entity to call on demand response programs, smart appliances, smart electricity or energy storage devices, distributed generation resources on the entity's customers' premises, or other measures directly capable of actively, controllably, reliably, and dynamically reducing peak

demand ('dynamic peak management control').

(C) Megawatts available from distributed dynamic electricity or energy storage under agreement with the owner of that storage.

(D) Megawatts committed from dispatchable distributed generation demonstrated to be reliable under peak period conditions and in compliance with air quality regulations.

(E) Megawatts available from smart appliances and equipment with Smart Grid capability available for direct control by the utility through agreement with the customer owning the appliances or equipment or with a third party pursuant to such agreements.

(F) Megawatts from a demonstrated and assured minimum of distributed solar electric generation capacity in instances where peak period and peak demand conditions are directly related to solar radiation and accompanying heat.

(3) If any of the methods listed in subparagraph (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (2) are relied upon to meet its peak demand reduction goals, the load-serving entity must demonstrate this capability by operating a test during the applicable calendar year.

(4) Nothing in this section shall require the publication in peak demand reduction goals or in any peak demand reduction plan of any information that is confidential for competitive or other reasons or that identifies individual customers.

(e) Existing Authority and Requirements- Nothing in this section diminishes or supersedes any authority of a State or political subdivision of a State to adopt or enforce any law or regulation respecting peak demand management, demand response, distributed energy storage, use of distributed generation, or the regulation of load-serving entities. The Commission, in consultation with States and Indian tribes having such peak management, demand response and distributed energy storage programs, shall to the maximum extent practicable, facilitate coordination between the

Federal program and such State and tribal programs.

(f) Relief- The Commission may, for good cause, grant relief to load-serving entities from the requirements of this section.

(g) Other Laws- Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f), no law or regulation shall relieve any person of any requirement otherwise applicable under this section.

(h) Compliance- (1) The Commission shall within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act establish a public website where the Commission will provide information and data demonstrating compliance by States, Indian tribes regional entities, and load-serving entities with this section, including the success of load-serving entities in meeting applicable peak demand reduction goals.

(2) The Commission shall, by April 1 of each year beginning in 2012, provide a report to Congress on compliance with this section and success in meeting applicable peak demand reduction goals and, as appropriate, shall make recommendations as to how to increase peak demand reduction efforts.

(3) The Commission shall note in each such report any State, political subdivision of a State, or load-serving entity that has failed to comply with this section, or is not a part of any region or group of load-serving entities serving a region that has complied with this section.

(4) The Commission shall have and exercise the authority to take reasonable steps to modify the process of establishing peak demand reduction goals and to accept adjustments to them as appropriate when sought by load-serving entities.

(i) Assistance and Funding-

(1) ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND TRIBES- Any costs incurred by States for activities undertaken pursuant to this section shall be supported by the use of emission allowances allocated to the States'

SEED Accounts or to the tribes pursuant to section 132 of this Act. To the extent that a State provides allowances to local governments within the State to implement this program, that shall be deemed a distribution of such allowances to units of local government pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of that section.

(2) FUNDING- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to the Commission, the Secretary, and the Administrator to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 145. REAUTHORIZATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SMART GRID INFORMATION.

(a) In General- Section 134 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15832) is amended as follows:

(1) By amending the section heading to read as follows: ‘energy efficiency and smart grid public information initiative’.

(2) In paragraph (1) of subsection (a) by striking ‘reduce energy consumption during the 4-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act’ and inserting ‘increase energy efficiency and to adopt Smart Grid technology and practices’.

(3) In paragraph (2) of subsection (a) by striking ‘benefits to consumers of reducing’ and inserting ‘economic and environmental benefits to consumers and the United States of optimizing’.

(4) In subsection (a) by inserting at the beginning of paragraph (3) ‘the effect of energy efficiency and Smart Grid capability in reducing energy and electricity prices throughout the economy, together with’.

(5) In subsection (a)(4) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as (E), by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (C), and by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

‘(D) purchasing and utilizing equipment that includes Smart Grid features and capability; and’.

(6) In subsection (c), by striking ‘Not later than July 1, 2009,’ and inserting, ‘For each year when appropriations pursuant to the authorization in this section exceed \$10,000,000,’.

(7) In subsection (d) by striking ‘2010’ and inserting ‘2020’.

(8) In subsection (e) by striking ‘2010’ and inserting ‘2020’.

(b) Table of Contents- The item relating to section 134 in the table of contents for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 and following) is amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 134. Energy efficiency and Smart Grid public information initiative.’.

SEC. 146. INCLUSION OF SMART GRID FEATURES IN APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM.

(a) Amendments- Section 124 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15821) is amended as follows:

(1) By amending the section heading to read as follows: ‘energy efficient and smart appliance rebate program.’.

(2) By redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) of subsection (a) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively, and inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

‘(4) SMART APPLIANCE- The term ‘smart appliance’ means a product that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of Energy has determined qualifies for such a designation in the Energy Star program pursuant to section 142 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, or that the Secretary or the Administrator

has separately determined includes the relevant Smart Grid capabilities listed in section 1301 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (15 U.S.C. 17381).’.

(3) In subsection (b)(1) by inserting ‘and smart’ after ‘efficient’ and by inserting after ‘products’ the first place it appears ‘, including products designated as being smart appliances’.

(4) In subsection (b)(3), by inserting ‘the administration of’ after ‘carry out’.

(5) In subsection (d), by inserting ‘the administration of’ after ‘carrying out’ and by inserting ‘, and up to 100 percent of the value of the rebates provided pursuant to this section’ before the period at the end.

(6) In subsection (e)(3), by inserting ‘, with separate consideration as applicable if the product is also a smart appliance,’ after ‘Energy Star product’ the first place it appears and by inserting ‘or smart appliance’ before the period at the end.

(7) In subsection (f), by striking ‘\$50,000,000’ through the period at the end and inserting ‘\$100,000,000 for each fiscal year from 2010 through 2015.’.

(b) Table of Contents- The item relating to section 124 in the table of contents for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 and following) is amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 124. Energy efficient and smart appliance rebate program.’.

Subtitle F--Transmission Planning

SEC. 151. TRANSMISSION PLANNING AND SITING.

(a) In General- Section 216 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (b), in paragraph (5), by striking ‘; and’ and inserting a semicolon, in paragraph (6) by striking the period and inserting ‘; and’ and by adding the following at the end thereof:

‘(7) the facility is interstate in nature or is an intrastate segment integral to a proposed interstate facility;’.

(2) In subsection (k), by inserting at the end the following: ‘Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (h) of this section shall not apply in the Western interconnection.’.

(3) In subsections (d) and (e), by striking ‘subsection (b)’ in each place and inserting ‘subsection (b) or section 216B’, and by striking ‘permit’ and inserting ‘permit or certificate’ in each place it appears.

(b) New Sections- The Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824p) is amended by inserting the following new sections after section 216:

‘SEC. 216A. TRANSMISSION PLANNING.

‘(a) Federal Policy for Transmission Planning-

‘(1) OBJECTIVES- It is the policy of the United States that regional electric grid planning should facilitate the deployment of renewable and other zero-carbon and low-carbon energy sources for generating electricity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring reliability, reducing congestion, ensuring cyber-security, minimizing environmental harm, and providing for cost-effective electricity services throughout the United States, in addition to serving the objectives stated in section 217(b)(4).

‘(2) OPTIONS- In addition to the policy under paragraph (1), it is the policy of the United States that regional electric grid planning to meet these objectives should result from an open, inclusive and transparent process, taking into account all significant demand-side and supply-side options, including

energy efficiency, distributed generation, renewable energy and zero-carbon electricity generation technologies, smart-grid technologies and practices, demand response, electricity storage, voltage regulation technologies, high capacity conductors with at least 25 percent greater efficiency than traditional ACSR (aluminum stranded conductors steel reinforced) conductors, superconductor technologies, underground transmission technologies, and new conventional electric transmission capacity and corridors.

‘(b) Planning-

‘(1) PLANNING PRINCIPLES- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall adopt, after notice and opportunity for comment, national electricity grid planning principles derived from the Federal policy established under subsection (a) to be applied in ongoing and future transmission planning that may implicate interstate transmission of electricity.

‘(2) REGIONAL PLANNING ENTITIES- Not later than 3 months after the date of adoption by the Commission of national electricity grid planning principles pursuant to paragraph (1), entities that conduct or may conduct transmission planning pursuant to State, tribal, or Federal law or regulation, including States, Indian tribes, entities designated by States and Indian tribes, Federal Power Marketing Administrations, transmission providers, operators and owners, regional organizations, and electric utilities, and that are willing to incorporate the national electricity grid planning principles adopted by the Commission in their electric grid planning, shall identify themselves and the regions for which they propose to develop plans to the Commission.

‘(3) COORDINATION OF REGIONAL PLANNING ENTITIES- The Commission shall encourage regional planning

entities described under paragraph (2) to cooperate and coordinate across regions and to harmonize regional electric grid planning with planning in adjacent or overlapping jurisdictions to the maximum extent feasible. The Commission shall work with States, Indian tribes, Federal land management agencies, State energy, environment, natural resources, and land management agencies and commissions, Federal power marketing administrations, electric utilities, transmission providers, load-serving entities, transmission operators, regional transmission organizations, independent system operators, and other organizations to resolve any conflict or competition among proposed planning entities in order to build consensus and promote the Federal policy established under subsection (a). The Commission shall seek to ensure that planning that is consistent with the national electricity grid planning principles adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) is conducted in all regions of the United States and the territories, but in a manner that, to the extent feasible, avoids uncoordinated planning by more than one planning entity for the same area.

‘(4) RELATION TO EXISTING PLANNING POLICY- In implementing the Federal policy established under subsection (a), the Commission shall--

‘(A) incorporate and coordinate with any ongoing planning efforts undertaken pursuant to section 217 and Commission Order No. 890;

‘(B) coordinate with the Secretary of Energy in providing to the regional planning entities an annual summary of national energy policy priorities and goals;

‘(C) coordinate with corridor designation and planning functions carried out pursuant to section 216 by the Secretary of Energy, who shall provide financial support from available funds to support the purposes of this

section; and

‘(D) coordinate with the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and Indian tribes in carrying out the Secretaries’ or tribal governments’ existing responsibilities for the planning or siting of transmission facilities on Federal or tribal lands, consistent with law, policy, and regulations relating to the management of federal public lands.

‘(5) ASSISTANCE-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The Commission shall provide support to and may participate if invited to do so in the regional grid planning processes conducted by regional planning entities. The Secretary of Energy and the Commission may provide planning resources and assistance as required or as requested by regional planning entities, including system data, cost information, system analysis, technical expertise, modeling support, dispute resolution services, and other assistance to regional planning entities, as appropriate.

‘(B) AUTHORIZATION- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this paragraph.

‘(6) CONFLICT RESOLUTION- In the event that regional grid plans conflict, the Commission shall assist the regional planning entities in resolving such conflicts in order to achieve the objectives of the Federal policy established under subsection (a).

‘(7) SUBMISSION OF PLANS- The Commission shall require regional planning entities to submit initial regional electric grid plans to the Commission not later than 18 months after the date the Commission promulgates national electricity grid planning principles pursuant to paragraph (1), with updates to such plans

not less than every 3 years thereafter. The Commission shall review such plans for consistency with the national grid planning principles and may return a plan to one or more planning entities for further consideration, along with the Commission's own recommendations for resolution of any conflict or for improvement.

‘(8) INTEGRATION OF PLANS- Regional electric grid plans should, in general, be developed from sub-regional requirements and plans, including planning input reflecting individual utility service areas. Regional plans may then in turn be combined into larger regional plans, up to interconnection-wide and national plans, as appropriate and necessary as determined by the Commission. In no case shall a multi-regional plan impose inclusion of a facility on a region that has submitted a valid plan that, after efforts to resolve the conflict, does not include such facility. To the extent practicable, all plans submitted to the Commission shall be public documents and available on the Commission's Web site.

‘(9) MULTI-REGIONAL MEETINGS- As regional grid plans are submitted to the Commission, the Commission may convene multi-regional meetings to discuss regional grid plan consistency and integration, including requirements for multi-regional projects, and to resolve any conflicts that emerge from such multi-regional projects. The Commission shall provide its recommendations for eliminating any inter-regional conflicts.

‘(10) REPORT TO CONGRESS- Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this section and each 3 years thereafter, the Commission shall provide a report to Congress containing the results of the regional grid planning process, including summaries of the adopted regional plans and the extent to which the Federal policy objectives in subsection (a) have been successfully achieved. The Commission shall provide an electronic version of its report on its website with links to all

regional and sub-regional plans taken into account. The Commission shall note and provide its recommended resolution for any conflicts not resolved during the planning process. The Commission shall make any recommendations to Congress on the appropriate Federal role or support required to address the needs of the electric grid, including recommendations for addressing any needs that are beyond the reach of existing State, tribal, and Federal authority.

‘SEC. 216B. SITING AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE WESTERN INTERCONNECTION.

‘(a) Applicability- This section applies only to States located in the Western Interconnection and does not apply to States located in the Eastern Interconnection, to the States of Alaska or Hawaii, or to ERCOT.

‘(b) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity- The Commission may, after notice and opportunity for hearing, issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction or modification of a transmission facility if the Commission finds that--

‘(1) the facility was identified and included in one or more relevant and final regional or interconnection-wide electric grid plans submitted to the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of 216A;

‘(2) any conflict among regional electric grid plans concerning the need for the facility was resolved;

‘(3) such relevant regional electric grid plans are consistent with the national grid planning principles adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b);

‘(4) the facility was identified as needed in significant measure

to meet demand for renewable energy in such plans;

‘(5) the facility is a multistate facility;

‘(6) the developer of such facility filed a complete application seeking approval for the siting of the facility with a state commission or other entity that has authority to approve the siting of the facility;

‘(7) a State commission or other entity that has authority to approve the siting of the facility--

‘(A) did not issue a decision on an application seeking approval for the siting of the facility within 1 year after the date the applicant submitted a completed application to the State;

‘(B) denied a complete application seeking approval for the siting of the facility; or

‘(C) authorized the siting of the facility subject to conditions that unreasonably interfere with the development of the facility; and

‘(8) the siting of the facility can be accomplished in a manner consistent with the Federal policy established in subsection (a) of section 216A and the national grid planning principles adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of section 216A.

‘(c) State Recommendations on Resource Protection- In issuing a final certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to subsection (b), the Commission shall--

‘(1) consider any siting constraints and mitigation measures based on habitat protection, health and safety considerations, environmental considerations, or cultural site protection

identified by relevant State or local authorities; and

‘(2) incorporate those identified siting constraints or mitigation measures, including recommendations related to project routing, as conditions in the final certificate of public convenience and necessity, or if the Commission determines that a recommended siting constraint or mitigation measure is infeasible, excessively costly, or inconsistent with the Federal policy established in subsection (a) of section 216A or the national grid planning principles adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of section 216A--

‘(A) consult with State regulatory agencies to seek to resolve the issue;

‘(B) incorporate as conditions on the certificate such recommended siting constraints or mitigation measures as are determined to be appropriate by the Commission, based on consultation by the Commission with State regulatory agencies, the Federal policy established in subsection (a) of section 216A and the national grid planning principles adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of section 216A, and the record before the Commission; and

‘(C) if, after consultation, the Commission does not adopt in whole or in part a recommendation of an agency, publish a finding that the adoption of the recommendation is infeasible, not cost effective, or inconsistent with this section or other applicable provisions of law.

‘(d) Certificate Applications- (1) An application for a preliminary or final certificate of public convenience and necessity under this subsection shall be made in writing to the Commission.

‘(2) The Commission shall issue rules specifying--

‘(A) the form of the application;

‘(B) the information to be contained in the application; and

‘(C) the manner of service of notice of the application on interested persons.

‘(e) Coordination of Federal Authorizations for Transmission Facilities-

‘(1) In this subsection, the term ‘Federal authorization’ shall have the same meaning and include the same actions as in section 216(h).

‘(2) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall act as the lead agency for purposes of coordinating all applicable Federal authorizations and related environmental reviews of the facility, provided, however, that to the extent the facility is proposed to be sited on Federal lands, the Department of the Interior will assume such lead-agency duties as agreed between the Commission and the Department of Interior.

‘(3) To the maximum extent practicable under applicable Federal law, the Commission, and to the extent agreed, the Secretary of Interior, shall coordinate the Federal authorization and review process under this subsection with any Indian tribes, multistate entities, and State agencies that are responsible for conducting any separate permitting and environmental reviews of the facility, to ensure timely and efficient review and permit decisions.

‘(4)(A) As head of the lead agency, the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Interior and with those entities referred to in paragraph (3) that are willing to coordinate their own separate permitting and environmental reviews with the Federal authorization and environmental reviews, shall establish prompt and binding intermediate milestones and ultimate deadlines for the review of, and Federal authorization decisions relating to, the proposed facility.

‘(B) The Chairman of the Commission, or the Secretary of Interior, as agreed under paragraph (2), shall ensure that, once an application has been submitted with such data as the lead agency considers necessary, all permit decisions and related environmental reviews under all applicable Federal laws shall be completed--

‘(i) within 1 year; or

‘(ii) if a requirement of another provision of Federal law does not permit compliance with clause (i), as soon thereafter as is practicable.

‘(C) The Commission shall provide an expeditious pre-application mechanism for prospective applicants to confer with the agencies involved to have each such agency determine and communicate to the prospective applicant not later than 60 days after the prospective applicant submits a request for such information concerning--

‘(i) the likelihood of approval for a potential facility; and

‘(ii) key issues of concern to the agencies and public.

‘(5)(A) As lead agency head, the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the affected agencies, shall prepare a single environmental review document, which shall be used as the basis for all decisions on the proposed project under Federal law.

‘(B) The Chairman of the Commission and the heads of other agencies shall streamline the review and permitting of transmission within corridors designated under section 503 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1763) by fully taking into account prior analyses and decisions relating to the corridors.

‘(C) The document shall include consideration by the relevant agencies of any applicable criteria or other matters as required under applicable law.

‘(6)(A) If any agency has denied a Federal authorization required for a transmission facility, or has failed to act by the deadline established by the Commission pursuant to this section for deciding whether to issue the authorization, the applicant or any State in which the facility would be located may file an appeal with the President, who shall, in consultation with the affected agency, review the denial or failure to take action on the pending application.

‘(B) Based on the overall record and in consultation with the affected agency, the President may--

‘(i) issue the necessary authorization with any appropriate conditions; or

‘(ii) deny the application.

‘(C) The President shall issue a decision not later than 90 days after the date of the filing of the appeal.

‘(D) In making a decision under this paragraph, the President shall comply with applicable requirements of Federal law, including any requirements of--

‘(i) the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a et seq.);

‘(ii) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

‘(iii) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);

‘(iv) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

‘(v) the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

‘(7)(A) Not later than 18 months after August 8, 2005, the Commission or, as requested, the Secretary or Interior, shall issue any regulations necessary to implement this subsection.

‘(B)(i) Not later than 1 year after August 8, 2005, the Commission, the Secretary of Interior, and the heads of all Federal agencies with authority to issue Federal authorizations shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to ensure the timely and coordinated review and permitting of electricity transmission facilities.

‘(ii) Interested Indian tribes, multistate entities, and State agencies may enter the memorandum of understanding.

‘(C) The head of each Federal agency with authority to issue a Federal authorization shall designate a senior official responsible for, and dedicate sufficient other staff and resources to ensure, full implementation of the regulations and memorandum required under this paragraph.

‘(8)(A) Each Federal land use authorization for an electricity transmission facility shall be issued--

‘(i) for a duration, as determined by the Secretary of Interior, commensurate with the anticipated use of the facility; and

‘(ii) with appropriate authority to manage the right-of-way for reliability and environmental protection.

‘(B) On the expiration of the authorization (including an

authorization issued before August 8, 2005), the authorization shall be reviewed for renewal taking fully into account reliance on such electricity infrastructure, recognizing the importance of the authorization for public health, safety, and economic welfare and as a legitimate use of Federal land.

‘(9) In exercising the responsibilities under this section, the Commission shall consult regularly with--

‘(A) electric reliability organizations (including related regional entities) approved by the Commission; and

‘(B) Transmission Organizations approved by the Commission.’.

SEC. 152. NET METERING FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) Standard- Subsection (b) of section 113 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2623) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

‘(6) NET METERING FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES- Each electric utility shall offer to arrange (either directly or through a third party) to make interconnection and net metering available to Federal Government agencies, offices, or facilities in accordance with the requirements of section 115(j). The standard under this paragraph shall apply only to electric utilities that sold over 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electricity in the preceding year to the ultimate consumers thereof. In the case of a standard under this paragraph, a period of 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section shall be substituted for the 2-year period referred to in other provisions of this section.’.

(b) Special Rules- Section 115 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2625) is amended by adding the following new

subsection at the end thereof:

‘(j) Net Metering for Federal Agencies- (1) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that rates and charges and contract terms and conditions for the sale of electric energy to the Federal Government or agency shall be the same as the rates and charges and contract terms and conditions that would be applicable if the agency did not own or operate a qualified generation unit and use a net metering system.

‘(2)(A) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that each electric utility shall arrange to provide to the Government office or agency that qualifies for net metering an electrical energy meter capable of net metering and measuring, to the maximum extent practicable, the flow of electricity to or from the customer, using a single meter and single register, the cost of which shall be recovered from the customer.

‘(B) In a case in which it is not practicable to provide a meter under subparagraph (A), the utility (either directly or through a third party) shall, at the expense of the utility install 1 or more of those electric energy meters.

‘(3)(A) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that each electric utility shall calculate the electric energy consumption for the Government office or agency using a net metering system that meets the requirements of this subsection and paragraph (6) of section 113(b) and shall measure the net electricity produced or consumed during the billing period using the metering installed in accordance with this paragraph.

‘(B) If the electricity supplied by the retail electric supplier exceeds the electricity generated by the Government office or agency during the billing period, the Government office or agency shall be billed for the net electric energy supplied by the retail electric supplier in accordance with normal billing practices.

‘(C) If electric energy generated by the Government office or agency exceeds the electric energy supplied by the retail electric supplier during the billing period, the Government office or agency shall be billed for the appropriate customer charges for that billing period and credited for the excess electric energy generated during the billing period, with the credit appearing as a kilowatt-hour credit on the bill for the following billing period.

‘(D) Any kilowatt-hour credits provided to the Government office or agency as provided in this subsection shall be applied to the Government office or agency electric energy consumption on the following billing period bill (except for a billing period that ends in the next calendar year). At the beginning of each calendar year, any unused kilowatt-hour credits remaining from the preceding year will carry over to the new year.

‘(4) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that each electric utility shall offer a meter and retail billing arrangement that has time-differentiated rates. The kilowatt-hour credit shall be based on the ratio representing the difference in retail rates for each time-of-use rate, or the credits shall be reflected on the bill of the Government office or agency as a monetary credit reflecting retail rates at the time of generation of the electric energy by the customer-generator.

‘(5) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that the qualified generation unit, interconnection standards, and net metering system used by the Government office or agency shall meet all applicable safety and performance and reliability standards established by the National Electrical Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, and the American National Standards Institute.

‘(6) The standard under paragraph (6) of section 113(b) shall require that electric utilities shall not make additional charges, including standby charges, for equipment or services for safety or

performance that are in addition to those necessary to meet the other standards and requirements of this subsection and paragraph (6) of section 113(b).

‘(7) For purposes of this subsection and paragraph (6) of section 113(b):

‘(A) The term ‘Government’ means any office, facility, or agency of the Federal Government.

‘(B) The term ‘customer-generator’ means the owner or operator of a electricity generation unit.

‘(C) The term ‘electric generation unit’ means any renewable electric generation unit that is owned, operated, or sited on a Federal Government facility.

‘(D) The term ‘net metering’ means the process of--

‘(i) measuring the difference between the electricity supplied to a customer-generator and the electricity generated by the customer-generator that is delivered to a utility at the same point of interconnection during an applicable billing period; and

‘(ii) providing an energy credit to the customer-generator in the form of a kilowatt-hour credit for each kilowatt-hour of electricity produced by the customer-generator from an electric generation unit.’.

(c) Savings Provision- If this section or a portion of this section is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Act.

SEC. 153. SUPPORT FOR QUALIFIED ADVANCED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION MANUFACTURING PLANTS, QUALIFIED HIGH EFFICIENCY TRANSMISSION

PROPERTY, AND QUALIFIED ADVANCED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROPERTY.

(a) Loan Guarantees Prior to September 30, 2011- Section 1705(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16515(a)), as added by section 406 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 594) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

‘(5) The development, construction, acquisition, retrofitting, or engineering integration of a qualified advanced electric transmission manufacturing plant or the construction of a qualified high efficiency transmission property or a qualified advanced electric transmission property (whether by construction of new facilities or the modification of existing facilities). For purposes of this paragraph:

‘(A) The term ‘qualified advanced electric transmission property’ means any high voltage electric transmission cable, related substation, converter station, or other integrated facility that--

‘(i) utilizes advanced ultra low resistance superconductive material or other advanced technology that has been determined by the Secretary of Energy as--

‘(I) reasonably likely to become commercially viable within 10 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph;

‘(II) capable of reliably transmitting at least 5 gigawatts of high-voltage electric energy for distances greater than 300 miles with energy losses not exceeding 3 percent of the total power transported; and

‘(III) not creating an electromagnetic field;

‘(ii) has been determined by an appropriate energy regulatory body, upon application, to be in the public interest and thereby eligible for inclusion in regulated rates; and

‘(iii) can be located safely and economically in a permanent underground right of way not to exceed 25 feet in width.

The term ‘qualified advanced electric transmission property’ shall not include any property placed in service after December 31, 2016.

‘(B)(i) The term ‘qualified high efficiency transmission property’ means any high voltage overhead electric transmission line, related substation, or other integrated facility that--

‘(I) utilizes advanced conductor core technology that--

‘(aa) has been determined by the Secretary of Energy as reasonably likely to become commercially viable within 10 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph;

‘(bb) is suitable for use on transmission lines up to 765kV; and

‘(cc) exhibits power losses at least 30 percent lower than that of transmission lines using conventional ‘ACSR’ conductors;

‘(II) has been determined by an appropriate energy regulatory body, upon application, to be in the public interest and thereby eligible for inclusion in regulated

rates; and

‘(III) can be located safely and economically in a right of way not to exceed that used by conventional ‘ACSR’ conductors; and

‘(ii) The term ‘qualified high efficiency transmission property’ shall not include any property placed in service after December 31, 2016.

‘(C) The term ‘qualified advanced electric transmission manufacturing plant’ means any industrial facility located in the United States which can be equipped, re-equipped, expanded, or established to produce in whole or in part qualified advanced electric transmission property.’.

(b) Additional Loan Guarantee Authority- Section 1703 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end of subsection (b):

‘(12) The development, construction, acquisition, retrofitting, or engineering integration of a qualified advanced electric transmission manufacturing plant or the construction of a qualified advanced electric transmission property (whether by construction of new facilities or the modification of existing facilities). For purposes of this paragraph, the terms ‘qualified advanced electric transmission property’ and ‘qualified advanced electric transmission manufacturing plant’ have the meanings provided by section 1705(a)(5).’.

(c) Grants- The Secretary of Energy is authorized to provide grants for up to 50 percent of costs incurred in connection with the development, construction, acquisition of components for, or engineering of a qualified advanced electric transmission property defined in paragraph (5) of section 1705(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16515(a)). Such grants may only be made to the first project which qualifies under that paragraph. There are authorized to be appropriated for purposes of this

subsection not more than \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010. The United States shall take no equity or other ownership interest in the qualified advanced electric transmission manufacturing plant or qualified advanced electric transmission property for which funding is provided under this subsection.

Subtitle G--Technical Corrections to Energy Laws

SEC. 161. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007.

(a) Title III--Energy Savings Through Improved Standards for Appliance and Lighting- (1) Section 325(u) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(u)) (as amended by section 301(c) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1550)) is amended--

(A) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (4); and

(B) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by striking ‘supplies is’ and inserting ‘supply is’.

(2) Section 302 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1551)) is amended--

(A) in subsection (a), by striking ‘end of the paragraph’ and inserting ‘end of subparagraph (A)’; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ‘6313(a)’ and inserting ‘6314(a)’.

(3) Section 343(a)(1) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(a)(1)) (as amended by section 302(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1551)) is amended--

(A) by striking ‘TEST PROCEDURES’ and all that follows through ‘At least once’ and inserting ‘TEST PROCEDURES- At least once’; and

(B) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B),

respectively (and by moving the margins of such subparagraphs 2 ems to the left).

(4) Section 342(a)(6) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(a)(6)) (as amended by section 305(b)(2) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1554)) is amended--

(A) in subparagraph (B)--

(i) by striking ‘If the Secretary’ and inserting the following:

‘(i) IN GENERAL- If the Secretary’;

(ii) by striking ‘clause (ii)(II)’ and inserting ‘subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)’;

(iii) by striking ‘clause (i)’ and inserting ‘subparagraph (A)(i)’; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

‘(ii) FACTORS- In determining whether a standard is economically justified for the purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii)(II), the Secretary shall, after receiving views and comments furnished with respect to the proposed standard, determine whether the benefits of the standard exceed the burden of the proposed standard by, to the maximum extent practicable, considering--

‘(I) the economic impact of the standard on the manufacturers and on the consumers of the products subject to the standard;

‘(II) the savings in operating costs throughout the estimated average life of the product in the type (or class) compared to any increase in the price of, or in the initial charges for, or maintenance

expenses of, the products that are likely to result from the imposition of the standard;

‘(III) the total projected quantity of energy savings likely to result directly from the imposition of the standard;

‘(IV) any lessening of the utility or the performance of the products likely to result from the imposition of the standard;

‘(V) the impact of any lessening of competition, as determined in writing by the Attorney General, that is likely to result from the imposition of the standard;

‘(VI) the need for national energy conservation; and

‘(VII) other factors the Secretary considers relevant.

‘(iii) ADMINISTRATION-

‘(I) ENERGY USE AND EFFICIENCY- The Secretary may not prescribe any amended standard under this paragraph that increases the maximum allowable energy use, or decreases the minimum required energy efficiency, of a covered product.

‘(II) UNAVAILABILITY-

‘(aa) IN GENERAL- The Secretary may not prescribe an amended standard under this subparagraph if the Secretary finds (and publishes the finding) that interested persons have established by a preponderance of the evidence that a standard is likely to result in the unavailability in the United States in any product type (or class) of performance

characteristics (including reliability, features, sizes, capacities, and volumes) that are substantially the same as those generally available in the United States at the time of the finding of the Secretary.

‘(bb) OTHER TYPES OR CLASSES- The failure of some types (or classes) to meet the criterion established under this subclause shall not affect the determination of the Secretary on whether to prescribe a standard for the other types or classes.’; and

(B) in subparagraph (C)(iv), by striking ‘An amendment prescribed under this subsection’ and inserting ‘Notwithstanding subparagraph (D), an amendment prescribed under this subparagraph’.

(5) Section 342(a)(6)(B)(iii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (as added by section 306(c) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007) is transferred and redesignated as clause (vi) of section 342(a)(6)(C) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (as amended by section 305(b)(2) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007).

(6) Section 340 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6311) (as amended by sections 312(a)(2) and 314(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1564, 1569)) is amended by redesignating paragraphs (22) and (23) (as added by section 314(a) of that Act) as paragraphs (23) and (24), respectively.

(7) Section 345 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6316) (as amended by section 312(e) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1567)) is amended--

(A) by striking ‘subparagraphs (B) through (G)’ each place it appears and inserting ‘subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), (I), (J), and (K)’;

(B) by striking ‘part A’ each place it appears and inserting ‘part B’; and

(C) in subsection (h)(3), by striking ‘section 342(f)(3)’ and inserting ‘section 342(f)(4)’.

(8) Section 340(13) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6311(13)) (as amended by section 313(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1568)) is amended--

(A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘electric motor’ means any motor that is--

‘(i) a general purpose T-frame, single-speed, foot-mounting, polyphase squirrel-cage induction motor of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Design A and B, continuous rated, operating on 230/460 volts and constant 60 Hertz line power as defined in NEMA Standards Publication MG1-1987; or

‘(ii) a motor incorporating the design elements described in clause (i), but is configured to incorporate one or more of the following variations--

‘(I) U-frame motor;

‘(II) NEMA Design C motor;

‘(III) close-coupled pump motor;

‘(IV) footless motor;

‘(V) vertical solid shaft normal thrust motor (as tested in a horizontal configuration);

‘(VI) 8-pole motor; or

‘(VII) poly-phase motor with a voltage rating of not more than 600 volts (other than 230 volts or 460 volts, or both, or can be operated on 230 volts or 460 volts, or both).’; and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through (I) as subparagraphs (B) through (H), respectively.

(9)(A) Section 342(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313(b)) is amended--

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘paragraph (2)’ and inserting ‘paragraph (3)’;

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4);

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

‘(2) STANDARDS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING DECEMBER 19, 2010-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Except for definite purpose motors, special purpose motors, and those motors exempted by the Secretary under paragraph (3) and except as provided for in subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D), each electric motor manufactured with power ratings from 1 to 200 horsepower (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment) on or after December 19, 2010, shall have a nominal full load efficiency of not less than the nominal full load efficiency described in NEMA MG-1 (2006) Table 12-12.

‘(B) FIRE PUMP ELECTRIC MOTORS- Except for those motors exempted by the Secretary under paragraph (3), each fire pump electric motor manufactured with power ratings from 1 to 200 horsepower (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment) on or after December 19, 2010, shall have a nominal full load efficiency that is not less than the nominal full load efficiency described in NEMA MG-1 (2006) Table 12-11.

‘(C) NEMA DESIGN B ELECTRIC MOTORS- Except

for those motors exempted by the Secretary under paragraph (3), each NEMA Design B electric motor with power ratings of more than 200 horsepower, but not greater than 500 horsepower, manufactured (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment) on or after December 19, 2010, shall have a nominal full load efficiency of not less than the nominal full load efficiency described in NEMA MG-1 (2006) Table 12-11.

‘(D) MOTORS INCORPORATING CERTAIN DESIGN ELEMENTS- Except for those motors exempted by the Secretary under paragraph (3), each electric motor described in section 340(13)(A)(ii) manufactured with power ratings from 1 to 200 horsepower (alone or as a component of another piece of equipment) on or after December 19, 2010, shall have a nominal full load efficiency of not less than the nominal full load efficiency described in NEMA MG-1 (2006) Table 12-11.’; and

(iv) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated by clause (ii)), by striking ‘paragraph (1)’ each place it appears in subparagraphs (A) and (D) and inserting ‘paragraphs (1) and (2)’.

(B) Section 313 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1568) is repealed.

(C) The amendments made by--

(i) subparagraph (A) shall take effect on December 19, 2010; and

(ii) subparagraph (B) shall take effect on December 19, 2007.

(10) Section 321(30)(D)(i)(III) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291(30)(D)(i)(III)) (as amended by section 321(a)(1)(A) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1574)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon the following: ‘or, in the case of a modified spectrum lamp, not less than 232 lumens and not more than

1,950 lumens’.

(11) Section 321(30)(T) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291(30)(T) (as amended by section 321(a)(1)(B) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1574)) is amended--

(A) in clause (i)--

(i) by striking the comma after ‘household appliance’ and inserting ‘and’; and

(ii) by striking ‘and is sold at retail,’; and

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting ‘when sold at retail,’ before ‘is designated’.

(12) Section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295) (as amended by sections 321(a)(3)(A) and 322(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1577, 1588)) is amended by striking subsection (i) and inserting the following:

‘(i) General Service Fluorescent Lamps, General Service Incandescent Lamps, Intermediate Base Incandescent Lamps, Candelabra Base Incandescent Lamps, and Incandescent Reflector Lamps-

‘(1) ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Each of the following general service fluorescent lamps, general service incandescent lamps, intermediate base incandescent lamps, candelabra base incandescent lamps, and incandescent reflector lamps manufactured after the effective date specified in the tables listed in this subparagraph shall meet or exceed the following lamp efficacy, new maximum wattage, and CRI standards:

‘FLUORESCENT LAMPS

Lamp Type	Nominal Lamp Wattage	Minimum CRI	Minimum Average Efficacy (LPW)

4-foot medium bi-pin	>35 W	69	75.0
45	75.0	36	
2-foot U-shaped	>35 W	69	68.0
45	64.0	36	
8-foot slimline	65 W	69	80.0
45	80.0	18	
8-foot high output	>100 W	69	80.0
45	80.0	18	

`INCANDESCENT REFLECTOR LAMPS

Nominal Lamp Wattage	Minimum Average Lamp Efficacy (LPW)	Effective CRI	Minimum Average Efficacy (LPW)

40-50	10.5		36
51-66	11.0		36
67-85	12.5		36
86-115	14.0		36
116-155	14.5		36
156-205	15.0		36

`GENERAL SERVICE INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Rated Lumen Ranges	Maximum Rated Wattage	Minimum Rated Lifetime	
1490-2600	72	1,000 hrs	1/1,
1050-1489	53	1,000 hrs	1/1,
750-1049	43	1,000 hrs	1/1/:
310-749	29	1,000 hrs	1/1/20

‘MODIFIED SPECTRUM GENERAL SERVICE INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Rated Lumen Ranges	Maximum Rated Wattage	Minimum Rated Lifetime	
1118-1950	72	1,000 hrs	1/1,
788-1117	53	1,000 hrs	1/1/:
563-787	43	1,000 hrs	1/1/20
232-562	29	1,000 hrs	1/1/20

‘(B) APPLICATION-

‘(i) APPLICATION CRITERIA- This subparagraph applies to each lamp that--

‘(I) is intended for a general service or general illumination application (whether incandescent or not);

‘(II) has a medium screw base or any other screw base not defined in ANSI C81.61-2006;

‘(III) is capable of being operated at a voltage at least partially within the range of 110 to 130 volts; and

‘(IV) is manufactured or imported after December 31, 2011.

‘(ii) REQUIREMENT- For purposes of this paragraph, each lamp described in clause (i) shall have a color rendering index that is greater than or equal to--

‘(I) 80 for nonmodified spectrum lamps; or

‘(II) 75 for modified spectrum lamps.

‘(C) CANDELABRA INCANDESCENT LAMPS AND INTERMEDIATE BASE INCANDESCENT LAMPS-

‘(i) CANDELABRA BASE INCANDESCENT LAMPS- Effective beginning January 1, 2012, a candelabra base incandescent lamp shall not exceed 60 rated watts.

‘(ii) INTERMEDIATE BASE INCANDESCENT LAMPS- Effective beginning January 1, 2012, an intermediate base incandescent lamp shall not exceed 40 rated watts.

‘(D) EXEMPTIONS-

‘(i) STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS- The standards specified in subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the following types of incandescent reflector lamps:

‘(I) Lamps rated at 50 watts or less that are ER30, BR30, BR40, or ER40 lamps.

‘(II) Lamps rated at 65 watts that are BR30,

BR40, or ER40 lamps.

‘(III) R20 incandescent reflector lamps rated 45 watts or less.

‘(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE EXEMPTIONS-

‘(I) PETITION- Any person may petition the Secretary for an exemption for a type of general service lamp from the requirements of this subsection.

‘(II) CRITERIA- The Secretary may grant an exemption under subclause (I) only to the extent that the Secretary finds, after a hearing and opportunity for public comment, that it is not technically feasible to serve a specialized lighting application (such as a military, medical, public safety, or certified historic lighting application) using a lamp that meets the requirements of this subsection.

‘(III) ADDITIONAL CRITERION- To grant an exemption for a product under this clause, the Secretary shall include, as an additional criterion, that the exempted product is unlikely to be used in a general service lighting application.

‘(E) EXTENSION OF COVERAGE-

‘(i) PETITION- Any person may petition the Secretary to establish standards for lamp shapes or bases that are excluded from the definition of general service lamps.

‘(ii) INCREASED SALES OF EXEMPTED LAMPS- The petition shall include evidence that the availability or sales of exempted incandescent lamps have

increased significantly since the date on which the standards on general service incandescent lamps were established.

‘(iii) CRITERIA- The Secretary shall grant a petition under clause (i) if the Secretary finds that--

‘(I) the petition presents evidence that demonstrates that commercial availability or sales of exempted incandescent lamp types have increased significantly since the standards on general service lamps were established and likely are being widely used in general lighting applications; and

‘(II) significant energy savings could be achieved by covering exempted products, as determined by the Secretary based in part on sales data provided to the Secretary from manufacturers and importers.

‘(iv) NO PRESUMPTION- The grant of a petition under this subparagraph shall create no presumption with respect to the determination of the Secretary with respect to any criteria under a rulemaking conducted under this section.

‘(v) EXPEDITED PROCEEDING- If the Secretary grants a petition for a lamp shape or base under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall--

‘(I) conduct a rulemaking to determine standards for the exempted lamp shape or base; and

‘(II) complete the rulemaking not later than 18 months after the date on which notice is provided granting the petition.

‘(F) EFFECTIVE DATES-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- In this paragraph, except as otherwise provided in a table contained in subparagraph (A) or in clause (ii), the term ‘effective date’ means the last day of the month specified in the table that follows October 24, 1992.

‘(ii) SPECIAL EFFECTIVE DATES-

‘(I) ER, BR, AND BPAR LAMPS- The standards specified in subparagraph (A) shall apply with respect to ER incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, and similar bulb shapes on and after January 1, 2008, or the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

‘(II) LAMPS BETWEEN 2.25-2.75 INCHES IN DIAMETER- The standards specified in subparagraph (A) shall apply with respect to incandescent reflector lamps with a diameter of more than 2.25 inches, but not more than 2.75 inches, on and after the later of January 1, 2008, or the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

‘(2) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAW-

Notwithstanding section 332(a)(5) and section 332(b), it shall not be unlawful for a manufacturer to sell a lamp that is in compliance with the law at the time the lamp was manufactured.

‘(3) RULEMAKING BEFORE OCTOBER 24, 1995-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than 36 months after October 24, 1992, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking procedure and shall publish a final rule not later than the end of the 54-month period beginning on October 24, 1992, to determine whether the standards established under paragraph (1) should be amended.

‘(B) ADMINISTRATION- The rule shall contain the amendment, if any, and provide that the amendment shall apply to products manufactured on or after the 36-month period beginning on the date on which the final rule is published.

‘(4) RULEMAKING BEFORE OCTOBER 24, 2000-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than 8 years after October 24, 1992, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking procedure and shall publish a final rule not later than 9 years and 6 months after October 24, 1992, to determine whether the standards in effect for fluorescent lamps and incandescent lamps should be amended.

‘(B) ADMINISTRATION- The rule shall contain the amendment, if any, and provide that the amendment shall apply to products manufactured on or after the 36-month period beginning on the date on which the final rule is published.

‘(5) RULEMAKING FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL SERVICE FLUORESCENT LAMPS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than the end of the 24-month period beginning on the date labeling requirements under section 324(a)(2)(C) become effective, the Secretary shall--

‘(i) initiate a rulemaking procedure to determine

whether the standards in effect for fluorescent lamps and incandescent lamps should be amended so that the standards would be applicable to additional general service fluorescent lamps; and

‘(ii) publish, not later than 18 months after initiating the rulemaking, a final rule including the amended standards, if any.

‘(B) ADMINISTRATION- The rule shall provide that the amendment shall apply to products manufactured after a date which is 36 months after the date on which the rule is published.

‘(6) STANDARDS FOR GENERAL SERVICE LAMPS-

‘(A) RULEMAKING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2014-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than January 1, 2014, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking procedure to determine whether--

‘(I) standards in effect for general service lamps should be amended; and

‘(II) the exclusions for certain incandescent lamps should be maintained or discontinued based, in part, on excluded lamp sales collected by the Secretary from manufacturers.

‘(ii) SCOPE- The rulemaking--

‘(I) shall not be limited to incandescent lamp technologies; and

‘(II) shall include consideration of a minimum standard of 45 lumens per watt for general service

lamps.

‘(iii) AMENDED STANDARDS- If the Secretary determines that the standards in effect for general service lamps should be amended, the Secretary shall publish a final rule not later than January 1, 2017, with an effective date that is not earlier than 3 years after the date on which the final rule is published.

‘(iv) PHASED-IN EFFECTIVE DATES- The Secretary shall consider phased-in effective dates under this subparagraph after considering--

‘(I) the impact of any amendment on manufacturers, retiring and repurposing existing equipment, stranded investments, labor contracts, workers, and raw materials; and

‘(II) the time needed to work with retailers and lighting designers to revise sales and marketing strategies.

‘(v) BACKSTOP REQUIREMENT- If the Secretary fails to complete a rulemaking in accordance with clauses (i) through (iv) or if the final rule does not produce savings that are greater than or equal to the savings from a minimum efficacy standard of 45 lumens per watt, effective beginning January 1, 2020, the Secretary shall prohibit the manufacture of any general service lamp that does not meet a minimum efficacy standard of 45 lumens per watt.

‘(vi) STATE PREEMPTION- Neither section 327(c) nor any other provision of law shall preclude California or Nevada from adopting, effective beginning on or after January 1, 2018--

‘(I) a final rule adopted by the Secretary in accordance with clauses (i) through (iv);

‘(II) if a final rule described in subclause (I) has not been adopted, the backstop requirement under clause (v); or

‘(III) in the case of California, if a final rule described in subclause (I) has not been adopted, any California regulations relating to these covered products adopted pursuant to State statute in effect as of the date of enactment of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

‘(B) RULEMAKING BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2020-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than January 1, 2020, the Secretary shall initiate a rulemaking procedure to determine whether--

‘(I) standards in effect for general service lamps should be amended; and

‘(II) the exclusions for certain incandescent lamps should be maintained or discontinued based, in part, on excluded lamp sales data collected by the Secretary from manufacturers.

‘(ii) SCOPE- The rulemaking shall not be limited to incandescent lamp technologies.

‘(iii) AMENDED STANDARDS- If the Secretary determines that the standards in effect for general service lamps should be amended, the Secretary shall publish a final rule not later than January 1, 2022, with an effective date that is not earlier than 3 years after the date on which the final rule is published.

‘(iv) PHASED-IN EFFECTIVE DATES- The Secretary shall consider phased-in effective dates under this subparagraph after considering--

‘(I) the impact of any amendment on manufacturers, retiring and repurposing existing equipment, stranded investments, labor contracts, workers, and raw materials; and

‘(II) the time needed to work with retailers and lighting designers to revise sales and marketing strategies.

‘(7) FEDERAL ACTIONS-

‘(A) COMMENTS OF SECRETARY-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- With respect to any lamp to which standards are applicable under this subsection or any lamp specified in section 346, the Secretary shall inform any Federal entity proposing actions that would adversely impact the energy consumption or energy efficiency of the lamp of the energy conservation consequences of the action.

‘(ii) CONSIDERATION- The Federal entity shall carefully consider the comments of the Secretary.

‘(B) AMENDMENT OF STANDARDS- Notwithstanding section 325(n)(1), the Secretary shall not be prohibited from amending any standard, by rule, to permit increased energy use or to decrease the minimum required energy efficiency of any lamp to which standards are applicable under this subsection if the action is warranted as a result of other Federal action (including restrictions on materials or processes) that would have the effect of either increasing the energy use or decreasing the energy efficiency of the

product.

‘(8) COMPLIANCE-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than the date on which standards established pursuant to this subsection become effective, or, with respect to high-intensity discharge lamps covered under section 346, the effective date of standards established pursuant to that section, each manufacturer of a product to which the standards are applicable shall file with the Secretary a laboratory report certifying compliance with the applicable standard for each lamp type.

‘(B) CONTENTS- The report shall include the lumen output and wattage consumption for each lamp type as an average of measurements taken over the preceding 12-month period.

‘(C) OTHER LAMP TYPES- With respect to lamp types that are not manufactured during the 12-month period preceding the date on which the standards become effective, the report shall--

‘(i) be filed with the Secretary not later than the date that is 12 months after the date on which manufacturing is commenced; and

‘(ii) include the lumen output and wattage consumption for each such lamp type as an average of measurements taken during the 12-month period.’.

(13) Section 325(l)(4)(A) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(l)(4)(A)) (as amended by section 321(a)(3)(B) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1581)) is amended by striking ‘only’.

(14) Section 327(b)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation

Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(b)(1)(B)) (as amended by section 321(d)(3) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1585)) is amended--

(A) in clause (i), by inserting ‘and’ after the semicolon at the end;

(B) in clause (ii), by striking ‘; and’ and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking clause (iii).

(15) Section 321(e) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1586) is amended--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ‘is amended’ and inserting ‘(as amended by section 306(b)) is amended’; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:

‘(1) in paragraph (5), by striking ‘or’ after the semicolon at the end;

‘(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘; or’; and’.

(16) Section 332(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6302(a)) (as amended by section 321(e) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1586)) is amended by redesignating the second paragraph (6) as paragraph (7).

(17) Section 321(30)(C)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291(30)(C)(ii)) (as amended by section 322(a) (1)(B) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1587)) is amended by inserting a period after ‘40 watts or

higher’.

(18) Section 322(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1588)) is amended by striking ‘6995(i)’ and inserting ‘6295(i)’.

(19) Section 327(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(c)) (as amended by sections 324(f) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1594)) is amended--

(A) in paragraph (6), by striking ‘or’ after the semicolon at the end;

(B) in paragraph (8)(B), by striking ‘and’ after the semicolon at the end;

(C) in paragraph (9)--

(i) by striking ‘except that--’ and all that follows through ‘if the Secretary fails to issue’ and inserting ‘except that if the Secretary fails to issue’;

(ii) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively (and by moving the margins of such subparagraphs 2 ems to the left); and

(iii) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

‘(10) is a regulation for general service lamps that conforms with Federal standards and effective dates;

‘(11) is an energy efficiency standard for general service lamps enacted into law by the State of Nevada prior to December 19, 2007, if the State has not adopted the Federal standards and

effective dates pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B)(ii); or’.

(20) Section 325(b) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1596)) is amended by striking ‘6924(c)’ and inserting ‘6294(c)’.

(b) Title IV--Energy Savings in Buildings and Industry- (1) Section 401 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17061) is amended--

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘484’ and inserting ‘494’; and

(B) in paragraph (13), by striking ‘Agency’ and inserting ‘Administration’.

(2) Section 422 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6872) (as amended by section 411(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1600)) is amended by striking 1 of the 2 periods at the end of paragraph (5).

(3) Section 305(a)(3)(D)(i) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6834(a)(3)(D)(i)) (as amended by section 433(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1612)) is amended--

(A) in subclause (I)--

(i) by striking ‘in fiscal year 2003 (as measured by Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey or Residential Energy Consumption Survey data from the Energy Information Agency’ and inserting ‘as measured by the calendar year 2003 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey or the calendar year 2005 Residential Energy Consumption Survey data from the Energy Information Administration’; and

(ii) in the table at the end, by striking ‘Fiscal Year’ and

inserting ‘Calendar Year’; and

(B) in subclause (II)--

(i) by striking ‘(II) Upon petition’ and inserting the following:

‘(II) DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF
NUMERIC REQUIREMENT-

‘(aa) IN GENERAL- On petition’; and

(ii) by striking the last sentence and inserting the following:

‘(bb) EXCEPTIONS TO REQUIREMENT FOR CONCURRENCE OF
SECRETARY-

‘(AA) IN GENERAL- The requirement to petition and obtain the concurrence of the Secretary under this subclause shall not apply to any Federal building with respect to which the Administrator of General Services is required to transmit a prospectus to Congress under section 3307 of title 40, United States Code, or to any other Federal building designed, constructed, or renovated by the Administrator if the Administrator certifies, in writing, that meeting the applicable numeric requirement under subclause (I) with respect to the Federal building would be technically impracticable in light of the specific functional needs for the building.

‘(BB) ADJUSTMENT- In the case of a building described in subitem (AA), the Administrator may adjust the applicable numeric requirement of subclause (I) downward with respect to the building.’.

(4) Section 436(c)(3) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17092(c)(3)) is amended by striking ‘474’ and inserting ‘494’.

(5) Section 440 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17096) is amended by striking ‘and 482’.

(6) Section 373(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6343(c)) (as amended by section 451(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1628)) is amended by striking ‘Administrator’ and inserting ‘Secretary’.

(c) Date of Enactment- Section 1302 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17382) is amended in the first sentence by striking ‘enactment’ and inserting ‘the date of enactment of this Act’.

(d) Reference- Section 1306(c)(3) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17386(c)(3)) is amended by striking ‘section 1307 (paragraph (17) of section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978)’ and inserting ‘paragraph (19) of section 111(d) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2621(d))’.

(e) Effective Date- This section and the amendments made by this section take effect as if included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140; 121 Stat. 1492).

SEC. 162. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.

(a) Title I--Energy Efficiency- Section 325(g)(8)(C)(ii) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(g)(8)(C)(ii)) (as added by section 135(c)(2)(B) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) is amended by striking ‘20«F’ and inserting ‘-20«F’.

(b) Effective Date- This section and the amendments made by this section take effect as if included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58; 119 Stat. 594).

Subtitle H--Energy and Efficiency Centers and Research

SEC. 171. ENERGY INNOVATION HUBS.

(a) Purpose- The Secretary shall carry out a program to establish Energy

Innovation Hubs to enhance the Nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by promoting commercial application of clean, indigenous energy alternatives to oil and other fossil fuels, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and ensuring that the United States maintains a technological lead in the development and commercial application of state-of-the-art energy technologies. To achieve these purposes the program shall--

- (1) leverage the expertise and resources of the university and private research communities, industry, venture capital, national laboratories, and other participants in energy innovation to support cross-disciplinary research and development in areas not being served by the private sector in order to develop and transfer innovative clean energy technologies into the marketplace;
- (2) expand the knowledge base and human capital necessary to transition to a low-carbon economy; and
- (3) promote regional economic development by cultivating clusters of clean energy technology firms, private research organizations, suppliers, and other complementary groups and businesses.

(b) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

- (1) ALLOWANCE- The term 'allowance' means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act).
- (2) CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY- The term 'clean energy technology' means a technology that--
 - (A) produces energy from solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, tidal, wave, ocean, and other renewable energy resources (as such term is defined in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978);
 - (B) more efficiently transmits, distributes, or stores energy;

(C) enhances energy efficiency for buildings and industry, including combined heat and power;

(D) enables the development of a Smart Grid (as described in section 1301 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17381)), including integration of renewable energy resources and distributed generation, demand response, demand side management, and systems analysis;

(E) produces an advanced or sustainable material with energy or energy efficiency applications;

(F) enhances water security through improved water management, conservation, distribution, and end use applications; or

(G) improves energy efficiency for transportation, including electric vehicles.

(3) CLUSTER- The term ‘cluster’ means a network of entities directly involved in the research, development, finance, and commercialization of clean energy technologies whose geographic proximity facilitates utilization and sharing of skilled human resources, infrastructure, research facilities, educational and training institutions, venture capital, and input suppliers.

(4) HUB- The term ‘Hub’ means an Energy Innovation Hub established in accordance with this section.

(5) PROJECT- The term ‘project’ means an activity with respect to which a Hub provides support under subsection (e).

(6) QUALIFYING ENTITY- The term ‘qualifying entity’ means each of the following:

(A) A research university.

(B) A State or Federal institution with a focus on the advancement

of clean energy technologies.

(C) A nongovernmental organization with research or commercialization expertise in clean energy technology development.

(7) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(8) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS- The term ‘technology development focus’ means the unique technology development areas in which a Hub will specialize, and may include solar electricity, fuels from solar energy, batteries and energy storage, electricity grid systems and devices, energy efficient building systems and design, advanced materials, modeling and simulation, and other clean energy technology development areas designated by the Secretary.

(9) TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH- The term ‘translational research’ means coordination of basic or applied research with technical and commercial applications to enable promising discoveries or inventions to attract investment sufficient for market penetration and diffusion.

(10) VINTAGE YEAR- The term ‘vintage year’ has the meaning given that term in section 700 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 312 of this Act).

(c) Role of the Secretary- The Secretary shall--

(1) have ultimate responsibility for, and oversight of, all aspects of the program under this section;

(2) provide for the distribution of allowances allocated under section 782(h)(1) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act) to support the establishment of 8 Hubs, each with a unique designated technology development focus, pursuant to this section;

(3) coordinate the innovation activities of Hubs with those occurring

through other Department of Energy entities, including the National Laboratories, the Advanced Research Projects Agency--Energy, and Energy Frontier Research Collaborations, and within industry, including by annually--

(A) issuing guidance regarding national energy research and development priorities and strategic objectives; and

(B) convening a conference of staff of the Department of Energy and representatives from such other entities to share research results, program plans, and opportunities for collaboration.

(d) Entities Eligible for Support- A consortium shall be eligible to receive allowances to support the establishment of a Hub under this section if--

(1) it is composed of--

(A) 2 research universities with a combined annual research budget of \$500,000,000; and

(B) 1 or more additional qualifying entities;

(2) its members have established a binding agreement that documents--

(A) the structure of the partnership agreement;

(B) a governance and management structure to enable cost-effective implementation of the program;

(C) an intellectual property management policy;

(D) a conflicts of interest policy consistent with subsection (e)(4);

(E) an accounting structure that meets the requirements of the Department of Energy and can be audited under subsection (f)(5); and

(F) that it has an Advisory Board consistent with subsection (e)(3);

(3) it receives financial contributions from States, consortium participants, or other non-Federal sources, to be used to support project awards pursuant to subsection (e);

(4) it is part of an existing cluster or demonstrates high potential to develop a new cluster; and

(5) it operates as a nonprofit organization.

(e) Energy Innovation Hubs-

(1) ROLE- Hubs receiving allowances under this section shall support translational research activities leading to commercial application of clean energy technologies, in accordance with the purposes of this section, through issuance of awards to projects managed by qualifying entities and other entities meeting the Hub's project criteria, including national laboratories. Each such Hub shall--

(A) develop and publish for public review and comment proposed plans, programs, project selection criteria, and terms for individual project awards under this subsection;

(B) submit an annual report to the Secretary summarizing the Hub's activities, organizational expenditures, and Board members, which shall include a certification of compliance with conflict of interest policies and a description of each project in the research portfolio;

(C) establish policies--

(i) regarding intellectual property developed as a result of Hub awards and other forms of technology support that encourage individual ingenuity and invention while speeding technology transfer and facilitating the establishment of rapid commercialization pathways;

(ii) to prevent resources provided to the Hub from being used to displace private sector investment otherwise likely to occur,

including investment from private sector entities that are members of the consortium;

(iii) to facilitate the participation of private investment firms or other private entities that invest in clean energy technologies to perform due diligence on award proposals, to participate in the award review process, and to provide guidance to projects supported by the Hub; and

(iv) to facilitate the participation of entrepreneurs with a demonstrated history of developing and commercializing clean energy technologies;

(D) oversee project solicitations, review proposed projects, and select projects for awards; and

(E) monitor project implementation.

(2) **DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS BY HUBS-** A Hub shall distribute awards under this subsection to support clean energy technology projects conducting translational research and related activities, provided that at least 50 percent of such support shall be provided to projects related to the Hub's technology development focus.

(3) **ADVISORY BOARDS-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** Each Hub shall establish an Advisory Board, the members of which shall have extensive and relevant scientific, technical, industry, financial, or research management expertise. The Advisory Board shall review the Hub's proposed plans, programs, project selection criteria, and projects and shall ensure that projects selected for awards meet the conflict of interest policies of the Hub. Advisory Board members other than those representing consortium members shall serve for no more than 3 years. All Advisory Board members shall comply with the Hub's conflict of interest policies and procedures.

(B) MEMBERS- Each Advisory Board shall consist of--

- (i) 5 members selected by the consortium's research universities;
- (ii) 2 members selected by the consortium's other qualifying entities;
- (iii) 2 members selected at large by other Advisory Board members to represent the entrepreneur and venture capital communities; and
- (iv) 1 member appointed by the Secretary.

(D) COMPENSATION- Members of an Advisory Board may receive reimbursement for travel expenses and a reasonable stipend.

(4) CONFLICT OF INTEREST-

(A) PROCEDURES- Hubs shall establish procedures to ensure that any employee or consortia designee for Hub activities who serves in a decisionmaking capacity shall--

- (i) disclose any financial interests in, or financial relationships with, applicants for or recipients of awards under this subsection, including those of his or her spouse or minor child, unless such relationships or interests would be considered to be remote or inconsequential; and
- (ii) recuse himself or herself from any funding decision for projects in which he or she has a personal financial interest.

(B) DISQUALIFICATION AND REVOCATION- The Secretary may disqualify an application or revoke allowances distributed to the Hub or awards provided under this subsection, if cognizant officials of the Hub fail to comply with procedures required under subparagraph (A).

(f) Distribution of Allowances to Energy Innovation Hubs-

(1) DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOWANCES- Not later than September 30 of 2011 and each calendar year thereafter through 2049, the Secretary shall, in accordance with the requirements of this section, distribute to eligible consortia allowances allocated for the following vintage year under section 782(h)(1) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act). Not less than 10 percent and not more than 30 percent of the allowances available for distribution in any given year shall be distributed to support any individual Hub under this section.

(2) SELECTION AND SCHEDULE- Allowances to support the establishment of a Hub shall be distributed to eligible consortia (as defined in subsection (d)) selected through a competitive process. Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall solicit proposals from eligible consortia to establish Hubs, which shall be submitted not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act. The Secretary shall select the program consortia not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act. For at least 3 awards to consortia under this section, the Secretary shall give special consideration to applications in which 1 or more of the institutions under subsection (d)(1)(A) are 1890 Land Grant Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7061)), Predominantly Black Institutions (as defined in section 318 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e)), Tribal Colleges or Universities (as defined in section 316(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b)), or Hispanic Serving Institutions (as defined in section 318 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e)).

(3) AMOUNT AND TERM OF AWARDS- For each Hub selected to receive an award under this subsection, the Secretary shall define a quantity of allowances that shall be distributed to such Hub each year for an initial period not to exceed 5 years. The Secretary may extend the term of such award by up to 5 additional years, and a Hub may compete to receive an increase in the quantity of allowances per year that it shall

receive during any such extension. A Hub shall be eligible to compete for a new award after the expiration of the term of any award, including any extension of such term, under this subsection.

(4) **USE OF ALLOWANCES-** Allowances distributed under this section shall be used exclusively to support project awards pursuant to subsection (e)(1) and (2), provided that a Hub may use not more than 10 percent of the value of such allowances for its administrative expenses related to making such awards. Allowances distributed under this section shall not be used for construction of new buildings or facilities for Hubs, and construction of new buildings or facilities shall not be considered as part of the non-Federal share of a cost sharing agreement under this section.

(5) **AUDIT-** Each Hub shall conduct, in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary may prescribe, an annual audit to determine the extent to which allowances distributed to the Hub under this subsection, and awards under subsection (e), have been utilized in a manner consistent with this section. The auditor shall transmit a report of the results of the audit to the Secretary and to the Government Accountability Office. The Secretary shall include such report in an annual report to Congress, along with a plan to remedy any deficiencies cited in the report. The Government Accountability Office may review such audits as appropriate and shall have full access to the books, records, and personnel of the Hub to ensure that allowances distributed to the Hub under this subsection, and awards made under subsection (e), have been utilized in a manner consistent with this section.

(6) **REVOCATION OF ALLOWANCES-** The Secretary shall have authority to review awards made under this subsection and to revoke such awards if the Secretary determines that a Hub has used the award in a manner not consistent with the requirements of this section.

SEC. 172. ADVANCED ENERGY RESEARCH.

(a) **Definitions-** For purposes of this section:

(1) ALLOWANCE- The term ‘allowance’ means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act).

(2) DIRECTOR- The term ‘Director’ means Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy.

(b) In General- Not later than September 30 of 2011 and each calendar year thereafter through 2049, the Director shall distribute allowances allocated for the following vintage year under section 782(h)(2) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act). Such allowances shall be distributed on a competitive basis to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, or other appropriate research and development entities to achieve the goals of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (as described in section 5012(c) of the America COMPETES Act) through targeted acceleration of--

(1) novel early-stage energy research with possible technology applications;

(2) development of techniques, processes, and technologies, and related testing and evaluation;

(3) development of manufacturing processes for technologies; and

(4) demonstration and coordination with nongovernmental entities for commercial applications of technologies and research applications.

(c) Responsibilities- The Director shall be responsible for assessing the success of programs and terminating programs carried out under this section that are not achieving the goals of the programs, consistent with 5012(e)(2) and (4) of the America COMPETES Act. The Director shall designate program managers whose responsibilities are consistent with 5012(f)(1)(B) of the America COMPETES Act. The Director’s reporting and coordination requirements established through 5012(g) and (h) of the America COMPETES Act shall apply to activities funded through this section.

(d) Supplement Not Supplant- Assistance provided under this section shall be used to supplement, and not to supplant, any other Federal resources available to carry out activities described in this section.

SEC. 173. BUILDING ASSESSMENT CENTERS.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy (in this section referred to as the 'Secretary') shall provide funding to institutions of higher education for Building Assessment Centers to--

- (1) identify opportunities for optimizing energy efficiency and environmental performance in existing buildings;
- (2) promote high-efficiency building construction techniques and materials options;
- (3) promote applications of emerging concepts and technologies in commercial and institutional buildings;
- (4) train engineers, architects, building scientists, and building technicians in energy-efficient design and operation;
- (5) assist local community colleges, trade schools, registered apprenticeship programs and other accredited training programs in training building technicians;
- (6) promote research and development for the use of alternative energy sources to supply heat and power, for buildings, particularly energy-intensive buildings; and
- (7) coordinate with and assist State-accredited technical training centers and community colleges, while ensuring appropriate services to all regions of the United States.

(b) Coordination With Regional Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach- A Building Assessment Center may serve as a Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach established

pursuant to section 174.

(c) Coordination and Duplication- The Secretary shall coordinate efforts under this section with other programs of the Department of Energy and other Federal agencies to avoid duplication of effort.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 174. CENTERS FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE AND OUTREACH.

(a) Regional Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT- The Secretary shall establish not more than 10 regional Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach at institutions of higher education to coordinate with and advise industrial research and assessment centers, Building Assessment Centers, and Clean Energy Application Centers located in the region of such Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach.

(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS- Each Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach shall consist of at least one, new or existing, high performing, of the following:

(A) An industrial research and assessment center.

(B) A Clean Energy Application Center.

(C) A Building Assessment Center.

(3) SELECTION CRITERIA- The Secretary shall select Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach through a competitive process, based on the following:

(A) Identification of the highest performing industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers.

(B) The degree to which an institution of higher education maintains credibility among regional private sector organizations such as trade associations, engineering associations, and environmental organizations.

(C) The degree to which an institution of higher education is providing or has provided technical assistance, academic leadership, and market leadership in the energy arena in a manner that is consistent with the areas of focus of industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers.

(D) The presence of an additional industrial research and assessment center, Clean Energy Application Center, or Building Assessment Center at the institution of higher education.

(4) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY- In selecting Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach under this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure such Centers are distributed geographically in a relatively uniform manner to ensure all regions of the Nation are represented.

(5) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP- Each Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach shall, to the extent possible, provide leadership to all other industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers located in the Center's geographic region, as determined by the Secretary. Such leadership shall include--

(A) developing regional goals specific to the purview of the industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers programs;

(B) developing regionally specific technical resources; and

(C) outreach to interested parties in the region to inform them of the information, resources, and services available through the associated industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers.

(6) FURTHER COORDINATION- To increase the value and capabilities of the regionally associated industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers programs, Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach shall--

(A) coordinate with Manufacturing Extension Partnership Centers of the National Institute of Science and Technology;

(B) coordinate with the relevant programs in the Department of Energy, including the Building Technology Program and Industrial Technologies Program;

(C) increase partnerships with the National Laboratories of the Department of Energy to leverage the expertise and technologies of the National Laboratories to achieve the goals of the industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers;

(D) work with relevant municipal, county, and State economic development entities to leverage relevant financial incentives for capital investment and other policy tools for the protection and growth of local business and industry;

(E) partner with local professional and private trade associations and business development interests to leverage existing knowledge of local business challenges and opportunities;

(F) work with energy utilities and other administrators of publicly funded energy programs to leverage existing energy efficiency and

clean energy programs;

(G) identify opportunities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

(H) promote sustainable business practices for those served by the industrial research and assessment centers, Clean Energy Application Centers, and Building Assessment Centers.

(7) WORKFORCE TRAINING-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall require each Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach to establish or maintain an internship program for the region of such Center, designed to encourage students who perform energy assessments to continue working with a particular company, building, or facility to help implement the recommendations contained in any such assessment provided to such company, building, or facility. Each Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach shall act as internship coordinator to help match students to available opportunities.

(B) FEDERAL SHARE- The Federal share of the cost of carrying out internship programs described under subparagraph (A) shall be 50 percent.

(C) FUNDING- Subject to the availability of appropriations, of the funds made available to carry out this subsection, the Secretary shall use to carry out this paragraph not less than \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(8) SMALL BUSINESS LOANS- The Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall, to the maximum practicable, expedite consideration of applications from eligible small business concerns for loans under the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) for loans to implement recommendations of any industrial research and assessment center, Clean Energy Application Center, or Building Assessment

Center.

(9) DEFINITIONS- In this subsection:

(A) INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT CENTER- The term ‘industrial research and assessment center’ means a center established or maintained pursuant to section 452(e) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17111(e)).

(B) CLEAN ENERGY APPLICATION CENTER- The term ‘Clean Energy Application Center’ means a center redesignated and described section under section 375 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6345).

(C) BUILDING ASSESSMENT CENTER- The term ‘Building Assessment Center’ means an institution of higher education-based center established pursuant to section 173.

(D) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(10) FUNDING- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter. Subject to the availability of appropriations, of the funds made available to carry out this subsection, the Secretary shall provide to each Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach not less than \$500,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(b) Integration of Other Technical Assistance Programs-

(1) CLEAN ENERGY APPLICATION CENTERS- Section 375 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6345) is amended--

(A) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(B) by adding after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

‘(f) Coordination With Centers for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach- A Clean Energy Application Center may serve as a Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach established pursuant to section 174 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.’.

(2) INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS- Section 452(e) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17111(e)) is amended--

(A) by striking ‘The Secretary’ and all that follows through ‘shall be--’ and inserting the following:

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall provide funding to institution of higher education-based industrial research and assessment centers, whose purposes shall be--’;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5) as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respectively (and by moving the margins of such subparagraphs 2 ems to the right); and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(2) COORDINATION WITH CENTERS FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE AND OUTREACH- An industrial research and assessment center may serve as a Center for Energy and Environmental Knowledge and Outreach established pursuant to section 174 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.’.

(c) Additional Funding for Clean Energy Application Centers- Subsection (g) of section 375 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6345(f)), as redesignated by subsection (b)(1) of this section, is amended by striking ‘\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012’ and inserting ‘\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and each fiscal year thereafter’.

SEC. 175. HIGH EFFICIENCY GAS TURBINE RESEARCH,

DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy shall carry out a multiyear, multiphase program of research, development, and technology demonstration to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in combined cycle power generation systems and to identify the technologies that ultimately will lead to gas turbine combined cycle efficiency of 65 percent.

(b) Program Elements- The program under this section shall--

(1) support first-of-a-kind engineering and detailed gas turbine design for utility-scale electric power generation, including--

(A) high temperature materials, including superalloys, coatings, and ceramics;

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(B) improved heat transfer capability;

(C) manufacturing technology required to construct complex three-dimensional geometry parts with improved aerodynamic capability;

(D) combustion technology to produce higher firing temperature while lowering nitrogen oxide and carbon monoxide emissions per unit of output;

(E) advanced controls and systems integration;

(F) advanced high performance compressor technology; and

(G) validation facilities for the testing of components and subsystems;

(2) include technology demonstration through component testing, subscale testing, and full scale testing in existing fleets;

(3) include field demonstrations of the developed technology elements

so as to demonstrate technical and economic feasibility; and

(4) assess overall combined cycle system performance.

(c) Program Goals- The goals of the multiphase program established under subsection (a) shall be--

(1) in phase I--

(A) to develop the conceptual design of advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 62 percent combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating value basis; and

(B) to develop and demonstrate the technology required for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 62 percent combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating value basis; and

(2) in phase II, to develop the conceptual design for advanced high efficiency gas turbines that can achieve at least 65 percent combined cycle efficiency on a lower heating value basis.

(d) Proposals- Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall solicit proposals for conducting activities under this section. In selecting proposals, the Secretary shall emphasize--

(1) the extent to which the proposal will stimulate the creation or increased retention of jobs in the United States; and

(2) the extent to which the proposal will promote and enhance United States technology leadership.

(e) Cost Sharing- Section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16352) shall apply to an award of financial assistance made under this section.

(f) Limits on Participation- The limits on participation applicable under section 999E of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16375) shall

apply to financial assistance awarded under this section.

(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section \$65,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

Subtitle I--Nuclear and Advanced Technologies

SEC. 181. REVISIONS TO LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM AUTHORITY.

(a) Definition of Conditional Commitment- Section 1701 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511), as amended by section 130(a) of this Act, is amended by adding after paragraph (7) the following:

‘(8) CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT- The term ‘conditional commitment’ means a final term sheet negotiated between the Secretary and a project sponsor or sponsors, which term sheet shall be binding on both parties and become a final loan guarantee agreement if all conditions precedent established in the term sheet, which shall include the acquisition of all necessary permits and licenses, are satisfied.’.

(b) Specific Appropriation or Contribution- Section 1702 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16512) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

‘(b) Specific Appropriation or Contribution-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- No guarantee shall be made unless--

‘(A) an appropriation for the cost has been made;

‘(B) the Secretary has received from the borrower a payment in full for the cost of the obligation and deposited the payment into the Treasury; or

‘(C) a combination of appropriations or payments from the borrower has been made sufficient to cover the cost of the obligation.

‘(2) LIMITATION- The source of payments received from a borrower under paragraph (1)(B) shall not be a loan or other debt obligation that is made or guaranteed by the Federal Government.’.

(c) Fees- Section 1702(h) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16512(h)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

‘(2) AVAILABILITY- Fees collected under this subsection shall--

‘(A) be deposited by the Secretary into a special fund in the Treasury to be known as the ‘Incentives For Innovative Technologies Fund’; and

‘(B) remain available to the Secretary for expenditure, without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation, for administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this title.’.

(d) Wage Rate Requirements- Section 1702 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16512) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(k) Wage Rate Requirements- No loan guarantee shall be made under this title unless the borrower has provided to the Secretary reasonable assurances that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of construction work financed in whole or in part by the guaranteed loan will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State in which the contract work is to be performed as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of part A of subtitle II of title 40, United States Code.

With respect to the labor standards specified in this subsection, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.’.

(e) Subrogation- Section 1702(g)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16512(g)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C) and inserting the following:

‘(B) SUPERIORITY OF RIGHTS- Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the rights of the Secretary, with respect to any property acquired pursuant to a guarantee or related agreements, shall be superior to the rights of any other person with respect to the property.

‘(C) TERMS AND CONDITIONS- A guarantee agreement shall include such detailed terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate to--

‘(i) protect the financial interests of the United States in the case of default;

‘(ii) have available all the patents and technology necessary for any person selected, including the Secretary, to complete and operate the project;

‘(iii) provide for sharing the proceeds received from the sale of project assets with other creditors or control the disposition of project assets if necessary to protect the financial interests of the United States in the case of default; and

‘(iv) provide such lien priority in project assets as necessary to protect the financial interests of the United States in the case of a default.’.

SEC. 182. PURPOSE.

The purpose of sections 183 through 189 of this subtitle is to promote the domestic development and deployment of clean energy technologies required for the 21st century through the establishment of a self-sustaining Clean Energy Deployment Administration that will provide for an attractive investment environment through partnership with and support of the private capital market in order to promote access to affordable financing for accelerated and widespread deployment of--

- (1) clean energy technologies;
- (2) advanced or enabling energy infrastructure technologies;
- (3) energy efficiency technologies in residential, commercial, and industrial applications, including end-use efficiency in buildings; and
- (4) manufacturing technologies for any of the technologies or applications described in this section.

SEC. 183. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

- (1) **ADMINISTRATION**- The term ‘Administration’ means the Clean Energy Deployment Administration established by section 186.
- (2) **ADVISORY COUNCIL**- The term ‘Advisory Council’ means the Energy Technology Advisory Council of the Administration.
- (3) **BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY**- The term ‘breakthrough technology’ means a clean energy technology that--
 - (A) presents a significant opportunity to advance the goals developed under section 185, as assessed under the methodology established by the Advisory Council; but
 - (B) has generally not been considered a commercially ready technology as a result of high perceived technology risk or other

similar factors.

(4) **CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY**- The term ‘clean energy technology’ means a technology related to the production, use, transmission, storage, control, or conservation of energy--

(A) that will contribute to a stabilization of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations thorough reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of energy-related emissions and--

(i) reduce the need for additional energy supplies by using existing energy supplies with greater efficiency or by transmitting, distributing, or transporting energy with greater effectiveness through the infrastructure of the United States; or

(ii) diversify the sources of energy supply of the United States to strengthen energy security and to increase supplies with a favorable balance of environmental effects if the entire technology system is considered; and

(B) for which, as determined by the Administrator, insufficient commercial lending is available at affordable rates to allow for widespread deployment.

(5) **COST**- The term ‘cost’ has the meaning given the term in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a).

(6) **DIRECT LOAN**- The term ‘direct loan’ has the meaning given the term in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a).

(7) **FUND**- The term ‘Fund’ means the Clean Energy Investment Fund established by section 184(a).

(8) **GREEN BONDS**- The term ‘Green Bonds’ means bonds issued pursuant to section 184.

(8) **LOAN GUARANTEE**- The term ‘loan guarantee’ has the meaning given the term in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a).

(9) **NATIONAL LABORATORY**- The term ‘National Laboratory’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801).

(10) **SECRETARY**- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy.

(11) **STATE**- The term ‘State’ means--

(A) a State;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

(D) any other territory or possession of the United States.

(12) **TECHNOLOGY RISK**- The term ‘technology risk’ means the risks during construction or operation associated with the design, development, and deployment of clean energy technologies (including the cost, schedule, performance, reliability and maintenance, and accounting for the perceived risk), from the perspective of commercial lenders, that may be increased as a result of the absence of adequate historical construction, operating, or performance data from commercial applications of the technology.

SEC. 184. CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND.

(a) **Establishment**- There is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund, to be known as the ‘Clean Energy Investment Fund’, consisting of--

(1) such amounts as are deposited in the Fund under this subtitle; and

(2) such sums as may be appropriated to supplement the Fund.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund such sums as are necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(c) Expenditures From Fund-

(1) IN GENERAL- Amounts in the Fund shall be available to the Administrator of the Administration for obligation without fiscal year limitation, to remain available until expended.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-

(A) FEES- Fees collected for administrative expenses shall be available without limitation to cover applicable expenses.

(B) FUND- To the extent that administrative expenses are not reimbursed through fees, an amount not to exceed 1.5 percent of the amounts in the Fund as of the beginning of each fiscal year shall be available to pay the administrative expenses for the fiscal year necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(d) Transfers of Amounts-

(1) IN GENERAL- The amounts required to be transferred to the Fund under this section shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(2) ADJUSTMENTS- Proper adjustment shall be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

(3) CASH FLOWS- Cash flows associated with costs of the Fund described in section 502(5)(B) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a(5)(B)) shall be transferred to appropriate credit

accounts.

(e) Green Bonds-

(1) INITIAL CAPITALIZATION- The Secretary of the Treasury shall issue Green Bonds in the amount of \$7,500,000,000 on the credit of the United States to acquire capital stock of the Administration. Stock certificates evidencing ownership in the Administration shall be issued by the Administration to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the extent of payments made for the capital stock of the Administration.

(2) DENOMINATIONS AND MATURITY- Green Bonds shall be in such forms and denominations, and shall mature within such periods, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(3) INTEREST- Green Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not less than the current average yield on outstanding market obligations of the United States of comparable maturity during the month preceding the issuance of the obligation as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(4) LAWFUL INVESTMENTS- Green Bonds shall be lawful investments, and may be accepted as security for all fiduciary, trust, and public funds, the investment or deposit of which shall be under the authority or control of the United States or any officer or officers thereof.

SEC. 185. ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT GOALS.

(a) Goals- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, after consultation with the Advisory Council, shall develop and publish for review and comment in the Federal Register recommended near-, medium-, and long-term goals (including numerical performance targets at appropriate intervals to measure progress toward those goals) for the deployment of clean energy technologies through the credit support

programs established by section 187 to promote--

- (1) sufficient electric generating capacity using clean energy technologies to meet the energy needs of the United States;
- (2) clean energy technologies in vehicles and fuels that will substantially reduce the reliance of the United States on foreign sources of energy and insulate consumers from the volatility of world energy markets;
- (3) a domestic commercialization and manufacturing capacity that will establish the United States as a world leader in clean energy technologies across multiple sectors;
- (4) installation of sufficient infrastructure to allow for the cost-effective deployment of clean energy technologies appropriate to each region of the United States;
- (5) the transformation of the building stock of the United States to zero net energy consumption;
- (6) the recovery, use, and prevention of waste energy;
- (7) domestic manufacturing of clean energy technologies on a scale that is sufficient to achieve price parity with conventional energy sources;
- (8) domestic production of commodities and materials (such as steel, chemicals, polymers, and cement) using clean energy technologies so that the United States will become a world leader in environmentally sustainable production of the commodities and materials;
- (9) a robust, efficient, and interactive electricity transmission grid that will allow for the incorporation of clean energy technologies, distributed generation, and demand-response in each regional electric grid;
- (10) sufficient availability of financial products to allow owners and users of residential, retail, commercial, and industrial buildings to make energy efficiency and distributed generation technology investments

with reasonable payback periods;

(11) sufficient availability of financial services and support to small businesses developing and deploying clean energy technologies through partnerships with private entities that have relevant credit expertise; and

(12) such other goals as the Secretary, in consultation with the Advisory Council, determines to be consistent with the purpose stated in section 182.

(b) Revisions- The Secretary shall revise the goals established under subsection (a), from time to time as appropriate, to account for advances in technology and changes in energy policy.

SEC. 186. CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Establishment-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATION- There is established a corporation to be known as the Clean Energy Deployment Administration that shall be wholly owned by the United States.

(2) INDEPENDENT CORPORATION- The Administration shall be an independent corporation. Neither the Administration nor any of its functions, powers, or duties shall be transferred to or consolidated with any other department, agency, or corporation of the Government unless the Congress provides otherwise.

(3) CHARTER- The Administration shall be chartered for 20 years from the date of enactment of this section.

(4) STATUS-

(A) INSPECTOR GENERAL- Section 12 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended--

(i) in paragraph (1), by inserting ‘the Administrator of the Clean Energy Deployment Administration;’ after ‘Export-Import Bank;’; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by inserting ‘the Clean Energy Deployment Administration,’ after ‘Export-Import Bank,’.

(3) OFFICES-

(A) PRINCIPAL OFFICE- The Administration shall--

(i) maintain the principal office of the Administration in the national capital region; and

(ii) for purposes of venue in civil actions, be considered to be a resident of the District of Columbia.

(B) OTHER OFFICES- The Administration may establish other offices in such other places as the Administration considers necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the business of the Administration.

(b) Administrator-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator of the Administration shall be--

(A) appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a 5-year term; and

(B) compensated at the prevailing rate for compensation for similar positions in industry.

(2) DUTIES- The Administrator of the Administration shall--

(A) serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Administration and Chairman of the Board;

(B) ensure that--

(i) the Administration operates in a safe and sound manner, including maintenance of adequate capital and internal controls (consistent with section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7262));

(ii) the operations and activities of the Administration foster liquid, efficient, competitive, and resilient energy and energy efficiency finance markets;

(iii) the Administration carries out the purpose stated in section 182 only through activities that are authorized under and consistent with sections 182 through 189; and

(iv) the activities of the Administration and the manner in which the Administration is operated are consistent with the public interest;

(C) develop policies and procedures for the Administration that will--

(i) promote a self-sustaining portfolio of investments that will maximize the value of investments to effectively promote clean energy technologies;

(ii) promote transparency and openness in Administration operations;

(iii) afford the Administration with sufficient flexibility to meet the purpose stated in section 182; and

(iv) provide for the efficient processing of applications; and

(D) with the concurrence of the Board, set expected loss reserves for the support provided by the Administration consistent with section 187(c).

(c) Board of Directors-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Board of Directors of the Administration shall consist of--

(A) the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary, who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors;

(B) the Secretary of the Treasury or the designee of the Secretary, who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors;

(C) the Secretary of the Interior or the designee of the Secretary, who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors;

(D) the Secretary of Agriculture or the designee of the Secretary, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors;

(E) the Administrator of the Administration, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors; and

(F) 4 additional members who shall--

(i) be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for staggered 5-year terms; and

(ii) have experience in banking, financial services, technology assessment, energy regulation, or risk management, including individuals with substantial experience in the development of energy projects, the electricity generation sector, the transportation sector, the manufacturing sector, and the energy efficiency sector.

(2) DUTIES- The Board of Directors shall--

(A) oversee the operations of the Administration and ensure industry best practices are followed in all financial transactions involving the Administration;

(B) consult with the Administrator of the Administration on the general policies and procedures of the Administration to ensure the

interests of the taxpayers are protected;

(C) ensure the portfolio of investments are consistent with purpose stated in section 182 and with the long-term financial stability of the Administration;

(D) ensure that the operations and activities of the Administration are consistent with the development of a robust private sector that can provide commercial loans or financing products; and

(E) not serve on a full-time basis, except that the Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to review, as appropriate, applications for credit support and set policies and procedures as necessary.

(3) REMOVAL- An appointed member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by the President for good cause.

(4) VACANCIES- An appointed seat on the Board of Directors that becomes vacant shall be filled by appointment by the President, but only for the unexpired portion of the term of the vacating member.

(5) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS- An appointed member of the Board of Directors shall be compensated at the prevailing rate for compensation for similar positions in industry.

(d) Energy Technology Advisory Council-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administration shall have an Energy Technology Advisory Council consisting of 8 members selected by the Board of Directors of the Administration.

(2) QUALIFICATIONS- The members of the Advisory Council shall--

(A) have clean energy project development, clean energy finance, commercial, and/or relevant scientific expertise; and

(B) include representatives of--

- (i) the academic community;
- (ii) the private research community;
- (iii) National Laboratories;
- (iv) the technology or project development community; and
- (v) the commercial energy financing and operations sector.

(3) DUTIES- The Advisory Council shall--

(A) develop and publish for comment in the Federal Register a methodology for assessment of clean energy technologies that will allow the Administration to evaluate projects based on the progress likely to be achieved per-dollar invested in maximizing the attributes of the definition of clean energy technology, taking into account the extent to which support for a clean energy technology is likely to accrue subsequent benefits that are attributable to a commercial scale deployment taking place earlier than that which otherwise would have occurred without the support; and

(B) advise on the technological approaches that should be supported by the Administration to meet the technology deployment goals established by the Secretary pursuant to section 185.

(4) TERM-

(A) IN GENERAL- Members of the Advisory Council shall have 5-year staggered terms, as determined by the Administrator of the Administration.

(B) REAPPOINTMENT- A member of the Advisory Council may be reappointed.

(5) COMPENSATION- A member of the Advisory Council, who is not otherwise compensated as a Federal employee, shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay

prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Advisory Council.

(e) Staff-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator of the Administration, in consultation with the Board of Directors, may--

(A) appoint and terminate such officers, attorneys, employees, and agents as are necessary to carry out this subtitle; and

(B) vest those personnel with such powers and duties as the Administrator of the Administration may determine.

(f) Conflicts of Interest- No director, officer, attorney, agent, or employee of the Administration shall in any manner, directly or indirectly, participate in the deliberation upon, or the determination of, any question affecting such individual's personal interests, or the interests of any corporation, partnership, or association in which such individual is directly or indirectly personally interested.

(g) Sunset-

(1) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER- The Administration shall continue to exercise its functions until all obligations and commitments of the Administration are discharged, even after its charter has expired.

(2) PRIOR OBLIGATIONS- No provisions of this subsection shall be construed as preventing the Administration from--

(A) undertaking obligations prior to the date of the expiration of its charter which mature subsequent to such date;

(B) assuming, prior to the date of the expiration of its charter, liability as guarantor, endorser, or acceptor of obligations which

mature subsequent to such date; or

(C) continuing as a corporation and exercising any of its functions subsequent to the date of the expiration of its charter for purposes of orderly liquidation, including the administration of its assets and the collection of any obligations held by the Administration.

SEC. 187. DIRECT SUPPORT.

(a) In General- The Administration may issue direct loans, letters of credit, and loan guarantees to deploy clean energy technologies if the Administrator of the Administration has determined that deployment of the technologies would benefit or be accelerated by the support.

(b) Eligibility Criteria- In carrying out this section and awarding credit support to projects, the Administrator of the Administration shall account for--

(1) how the technology rates based on an evaluation methodology established by the Advisory Council;

(2) how the project fits with the goals established under section 185; and

(3) the potential for the applicant to successfully complete the project.

(c) Risk-

(1) EXPECTED LOAN LOSS RESERVE- The Administrator of the Administration shall establish an expected loan loss reserve to account for estimated losses attributable to activities under this section that is consistent with the purposes of--

(A) developing breakthrough technologies to the point at which technology risk is largely mitigated;

(B) achieving widespread deployment and advancing the

commercial viability of clean energy technologies; and

(C) advancing the goals established under section 185.

(2) **INITIAL EXPECTED LOAN LOSS RESERVE-** Until such time as the Administrator of the Administration determines sufficient data exist to establish an expected loan loss reserve that is appropriate, the Administrator of the Administration shall consider establishing an initial rate of 10 percent for the portfolio of investments under this subtitle.

(3) **PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT APPROACH-** The Administration shall--

(A) use a portfolio investment approach to mitigate risk and diversify investments across technologies and ensure that no particular technology is provided more than 30 percent of the financial support available;

(B) to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with long-term self-sufficiency, weigh the portfolio of investments in projects to advance the goals established under section 185;

(C) consistent with the expected loan loss reserve established under this subsection, the purpose stated in section 182, and section 186(b)(2)(B), provide the maximum practicable percentage of support to promote breakthrough technologies; and

(D) give the highest priority to investments that promote technologies that will achieve the maximum greenhouse gas emission reductions within a reasonable period of time per dollar invested and the earliest reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

(4) **LOSS RATE REVIEW-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** The Board of Directors shall review on an annual basis the loss rates of the portfolio to determine the adequacy of the reserves.

(B) REPORT- Not later than 90 days after the date of the initiation of the review, the Administrator of the Administration shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report describing the results of the review and any recommended policy changes.

(5) FEDERAL COST SHARE- Direct loans, letters of credit and loan guarantees by the Administration shall not exceed an amount equal to 80 percent of the project cost of the facility that is the subject of the loan, letter of credit or loan guarantee, as estimated at the time at which the loan, letter of credit or loan guarantee is issued.

(d) Application Review-

(1) IN GENERAL- To the maximum extent practicable and consistent with sound business practices, the Administration shall seek to consolidate reviews of applications for credit support under this subtitle such that final decisions on applications can generally be issued not later than 180 days after the date of submission of a completed application.

(2) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW- In carrying out this subtitle, the Administration shall, to the maximum extent practicable--

(A) avoid duplicating efforts that have already been undertaken by other agencies (including State agencies acting under Federal programs); and

(B) with the advice of the Council on Environmental Quality and any other applicable agencies, use the administrative records of similar reviews conducted throughout the executive branch to develop the most expeditious review process practicable.

(e) Wage Rate Requirements-

(1) IN GENERAL- No credit support shall be issued under this section

unless the borrower has provided to the Administrator of the Administration reasonable assurances that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors in the performance of construction work financed in whole or in part by the Administration will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State in which the contract work is to be performed as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of part A of subtitle II of title 40, United States Code.

(2) LABOR STANDARDS- With respect to the labor standards specified in this subsection, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

(f) Limitations- (1) The Administration shall not provide direct support as defined under this section or indirect support as defined under section 188 to an individual clean energy technology project that obtained a loan guarantee under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

(2) No direct or indirect support provided by the Administration may be used to pay any part of the cost of an obligation or a loan guarantee under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

SEC. 188. INDIRECT SUPPORT.

(a) In General- For the purpose of enhancing the availability of private financing for clean energy technology deployment, the Administration may--

(1) provide credit support to portfolios of taxable debt obligations originated by state, local, and private sector entities that enable owners and users of buildings and industrial facilities to--

(A) significantly increase the energy efficiency of such buildings or facilities; or

(B) install systems that individually generate electricity from renewable energy resources and have a capacity of no more than 2 megawatts;

(2) facilitate financing transactions in tax equity markets and long-term purchasing of clean energy by state, local, and non-governmental not-for-profit entities, to the degree and extent that the Administration determines such financing activity is appropriate and consistent with carrying out the purposes described in Section 182 of this Act; and

(3) provide credit support to portfolios of taxable debt obligations originated by state, local, and private sector entities that enable the deployment of energy storage applications for electric drive vehicles, stationary applications, and electricity transmission and distribution.

(b) Definitions- For purposes of the section:

(1) CREDIT SUPPORT- The term ‘credit support’ means--

(A) direct loans, letters of credit, loan guarantees, and insurance products; and

(B) the purchase or commitment to purchase, or the sale or commitment to sell, debt instruments (including subordinated securities).

(2) RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE- The term ‘renewable energy resource’ shall have the meaning given that term in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as added by section 101 of this Act).

(c) Transparency- The Administration shall seek to foster through its credit support activities--

(1) the development and consistent application of standard contractual terms, transparent underwriting standards and consistent measurement and verification protocols, as applicable; and

(2) the creation of performance data that promotes effective underwriting and risk management to support lending markets and stimulate the development of private investment markets.

(d) Exempt Securities- All securities insured or guaranteed by the Administration shall, to the same extent as securities that are direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed as to the principal or interest by the United States, be considered to be exempt securities within the meaning of the laws administered by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SEC. 189. FEDERAL CREDIT AUTHORITY.

(a) Payments of Liabilities-

(1) IN GENERAL- Any payment made to discharge liabilities arising from agreements under this subtitle shall be paid exclusively out of the Fund or the associated credit account, as appropriate.

(2) SECURITY- Subject to paragraph (1), the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all obligations entered into by the Administration pursuant to this subtitle.

(b) Fees-

(1) IN GENERAL- Consistent with achieving the purpose stated in section 182, the Administrator of the Administration shall charge fees or collect compensation generally in accordance with commercial rates.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF FEES- All fees collected by the Administration may be retained by the Administration and placed in the Fund and may remain available to the Administration, without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation, for use in carrying out the purpose stated in section 182.

(3) BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES- The Administration shall charge the minimum amount in fees or compensation practicable for breakthrough technologies, consistent with the long-term viability of the

Administration, unless the Administration first determines that a higher charge will not impede the development of the technology.

(4) **ALTERNATIVE FEE ARRANGEMENTS-** The Administration may use such alternative arrangements (such as profit participation, contingent fees, and other valuable contingent interests) as the Administration considers appropriate to compensate the Administration for the expenses of the Administration and the risk inherent in the support of the Administration.

(c) **Cost Transfer Authority-** Amounts collected by the Administration for the cost of a loan or loan guarantee shall be transferred by the Administration to the respective credit accounts.

SEC. 190. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) **Immunity From Impairment, Limitation, or Restriction-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** All rights and remedies of the Administration (including any rights and remedies of the Administration on, under, or with respect to any mortgage or any obligation secured by a mortgage) shall be immune from impairment, limitation, or restriction by or under--

(A) any law (other than a law enacted by Congress expressly in limitation of this paragraph) that becomes effective after the acquisition by the Administration of the subject or property on, under, or with respect to which the right or remedy arises or exists or would so arise or exist in the absence of the law; or

(B) any administrative or other action that becomes effective after the acquisition.

(2) **STATE LAW-** The Administrator of the Administration may conduct the business of the Administration without regard to any qualification or law of any State relating to incorporation.

(b) **Use of Other Agencies-** With the consent of a department, establishment,

or instrumentality (including any field office), the Administration may--

(1) use and act through any department, establishment, or instrumentality; and

(2) use, and pay compensation for, information, services, facilities, and personnel of the department, establishment, or instrumentality.

(c) Financial Matters-

(1) INVESTMENTS- Funds of the Administration may be invested in such investments as the Board of Directors may prescribe. Earnings from such funds, other than fees collected under section 189, may be spent by the Administration only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance by appropriation Acts.

(2) FISCAL AGENTS- Any Federal Reserve bank or any bank as to which at the time of the designation of the bank by the Administrator of the Administration there is outstanding a designation by the Secretary of the Treasury as a general or other depository of public money, may be designated by the Administrator of the Administration as a depository or custodian or as a fiscal or other agent of the Administration.

(d) Periodic Reports- Not later than 1 year after commencement of operation of the Administration and at least biannually thereafter, the Administrator of the Administration shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report that includes a description of--

(1) the technologies supported by activities of the Administration and how the activities advance the purpose stated in section 182; and

(2) the performance of the Administration on meeting the goals established under section 185.

(g) Audits by the Comptroller General-

(1) IN GENERAL- The programs, activities, receipts, expenditures, and financial transactions of the Administration shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General of the United States under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General.

(2) ACCESS- The representatives of the Government Accountability Office shall--

(A) have access to the personnel and to all books, accounts, documents, records (including electronic records), reports, files, and all other papers, automated data, things, or property belonging to, under the control of, or in use by the Administration, or any agent, representative, attorney, advisor, or consultant retained by the Administration, and necessary to facilitate the audit;

(B) be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians;

(C) be authorized to obtain and duplicate any such books, accounts, documents, records, working papers, automated data and files, or other information relevant to the audit without cost to the Comptroller General; and

(D) have the right of access of the Comptroller General to such information pursuant to section 716(c) of title 31, United States Code.

(3) ASSISTANCE AND COST-

(A) IN GENERAL- For the purpose of conducting an audit under this subsection, the Comptroller General may, in the discretion of the Comptroller General, employ by contract, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5), professional services of firms and organizations of certified public accountants

for temporary periods or for special purposes.

(B) REIMBURSEMENT-

(i) **IN GENERAL-** On the request of the Comptroller General, the Administration shall reimburse the Government Accountability Office for the full cost of any audit conducted by the Comptroller General under this subsection.

(ii) **CREDITING-** Such reimbursements shall--

(I) be credited to the appropriation account entitled 'Salaries and Expenses, Government Accountability Office' at the time at which the payment is received; and

(II) remain available until expended.

(h) Annual Independent Audits-

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Administrator of the Administration shall--

(A) have an annual independent audit made of the financial statements of the Administration by an independent public accountant in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; and

(B) submit to the Secretary and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House the results of the audit.

(2) **CONTENT-** In conducting an audit under this subsection, the independent public accountant shall determine and report on whether the financial statements of the Administration--

(A) are presented fairly in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and

(B) comply with any disclosure requirements imposed under this subtitle.

(i) Financial Reports-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator of the Administration shall submit to the Secretary and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House annual and quarterly reports of the financial condition and operations of the Administration, which shall be in such form, contain such information, and be submitted on such dates as the Secretary shall require.

(2) CONTENTS OF ANNUAL REPORTS- Each annual report shall include--

(A) financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(B) any supplemental information or alternative presentation that the Secretary may require; and

(C) an assessment (as of the end of the most recent fiscal year of the Administration), signed by the chief executive officer and chief accounting or financial officer of the Administration, of--

(i) the effectiveness of the internal control structure and procedures of the Administration; and

(ii) the compliance of the Administration with applicable safety and soundness laws.

(3) SPECIAL REPORTS- The Secretary may require the Administrator of the Administration to submit other reports on the condition (including financial condition), management, activities, or operations of the Administration, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(4) **ACCURACY**- Each report of financial condition shall contain a declaration by the Administrator of the Administration or any other officer designated by the Board of Directors of the Administration to make the declaration, that the report is true and correct to the best of the knowledge and belief of the officer.

(5) **AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS**- Reports required under this section shall be published and made publicly available as soon as is practicable after receipt by the Secretary.

(j) **Spending Safeguards and Reporting-**

(1) **IN GENERAL**- The Administrator--

(A) shall require any entity receiving financing support from the Administration to report quarterly, in a format specified by the Administrator, on such entity's use of such support and its progress fulfilling the objectives for which such support was granted, and the Administrator shall make these reports available to the public;

(B) may establish additional reporting and information requirements for any recipient of financing support from the Administration;

(C) shall establish appropriate mechanisms to ensure appropriate use and compliance with all terms of any financing support from the Administration;

(D) shall create and maintain a fully searchable database, accessible on the Internet (or successor protocol) at no cost to the public, that contains at least--

(i) a list of each entity that has applied for financing support;

(ii) a description of each application;

(iii) the status of each such application;

(iv) the name of each entity receiving financing support;

(v) the purpose for which such entity is receiving such financing support;

(vi) each quarterly report submitted by the entity pursuant to this section; and

(vii) such other information sufficient to allow the public to understand and monitor the financial support provided by the Administration;

(E) shall make all financing transactions available for public inspection, including formal annual reviews by both a private auditor and the Comptroller General; and

(F) shall at all times be available to receive public comment in writing on the activities of the Administration.

(2) PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION- To the extent necessary and appropriate, the Administrator may redact any information regarding applicants and borrowers to protect confidential business information.

SEC. 191. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Tax Exempt Status- Subsection (l) of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(4) The Clean Energy Deployment Administration established under section 186 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.’.

(b) Wholly Owned Government Corporation- Paragraph (3) of section 9101 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(S) the Clean Energy Deployment Administration.’.

Subtitle J--Miscellaneous

SEC. 195. INCREASED HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION AT EXISTING FEDERAL FACILITIES.

(a) In General- The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Energy, and the Secretary of the Army shall jointly update the study of the potential for increasing electric power production capability at federally owned or operated water regulation, storage, and conveyance facilities required in section 1834 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

(b) Content- The update under this section shall include identification and description in detail of each facility that is capable, with or without modification, of producing additional hydroelectric power, including estimation of the existing potential for the facility to generate hydroelectric power.

(c) Report- The Secretaries shall submit to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the update of the study under this section by not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act. The report shall include each of the following:

- (1) The identifications, descriptions, and estimations referred to in subsection (b).
- (2) A description of activities currently conducted or considered, or that could be considered, to produce additional hydroelectric power from each identified facility.
- (3) A summary of prior actions taken by the Secretaries to produce additional hydroelectric power from each identified facility.
- (4) The costs to install, upgrade, or modify equipment or take other

actions to produce additional hydroelectric power from each identified facility, and the level of Federal power customer involvement in the determination of such costs.

(5) The benefits that would be achieved by such installation, upgrade, modification, or other action, including quantified estimates of any additional energy or capacity from each facility identified under subsection (b).

(6) A description of actions that are planned, underway, or might reasonably be considered to increase hydroelectric power production by replacing turbine runners, by performing generator upgrades or rewinds, or by construction of pumped storage facilities.

(7) The impact of increased hydroelectric power production on irrigation, water supply, fish, wildlife, Indian tribes, river health, water quality, navigation, recreation, fishing, and flood control.

(8) Any additional recommendations to increase hydroelectric power production from, and reduce costs and improve efficiency at, federally owned or operated water regulation, storage, and conveyance facilities.

SEC. 196. CLEAN TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS COMPETITION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy is authorized to provide grants to organizations to conduct business competitions that provide incentives, training, and mentorship to entrepreneurs, including minority-owned and woman-owned, and early stage start-up companies throughout the United States to meet high priority economic, environmental, and energy security goals in areas to include energy efficiency, renewable energy, air quality, water quality and conservation, transportation, smart grid, green building, and waste management. Such competitions shall have the purpose of accelerating the development and deployment of clean technology businesses and green jobs; stimulating green economic development; providing business training and mentoring to early stage clean technology

companies; and strengthening the competitiveness of United States clean technology industry in world trade markets. Priority shall be given to business competitions that are private sector led, encourage regional and interregional cooperation, and can demonstrate market-driven practices and show the creation of cost-effective green jobs through an annual publication of competition activities and directory of companies.

(b) Eligibility- An organization eligible for a grant under subsection (a) is--

(1) any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code; and

(2) any sponsored entity of an organization described in paragraph (1) that is operated as a nonprofit entity.

(c) Priority- In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to those organizations that can demonstrate broad funding support from private and other non-Federal funding sources to leverage Federal investment.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations- For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000.

SEC. 197. NATIONAL BIOENERGY PARTNERSHIP.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy shall establish a National Bioenergy Partnership to provide coordination among programs of State governments, the Federal Government, and the private sector that support the institutional and physical infrastructure necessary to promote the deployment of sustainable biomass fuels and bioenergy technologies for the United States.

(b) Program- The National Bioenergy Partnership shall consist of five regions, to be administered by the CONEG Policy Research Center, the Council of Great Lakes Governors, the Southern States Energy Board, the Western Governors Association, and the Pacific Regional Biomass Energy Partnership led by the Washington State University Energy Program.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to carry out this section--

(1) \$5,000,000, to be allocated among the 5 regions described in subsection (b) on the basis of the number of States in each region, for distribution among the member States of that region based on procedures developed by the member States of the region; and

(2) \$2,500,000, to be allocated equally among the 5 regions described in subsection (b) for region-wide activities, including technical assistance and regional studies and coordination.

SEC. 198. OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY.

Section 319 of the Federal Power Act is amended to read as follows:

‘SEC. 319. OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY.

‘(a) Office-

‘(1) ESTABLISHMENT- There is established within the Commission an Office of Consumer Advocacy to serve as an advocate for the public interest. The Office of Administrative Litigation within the Commission shall be incorporated into the Office of Consumer Advocacy.

‘(2) DIRECTOR- The Office shall be headed by a Director to be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from among individuals who are licensed attorneys admitted to the Bar of any State or of the District of Columbia and who have experience in public utility proceedings.

‘(3) DUTIES- The Office may--

‘(A) represent the interests of energy customers--

‘(i) on matters before the Commission concerning rates or service of public utilities and natural gas companies under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

‘(ii) as amicus curiae, in the review in the courts of the United States of rulings by the Commission in such matters; and

‘(iii) as amicus, in hearings and proceedings in other Federal regulatory agencies and commissions related to such matters;

‘(B) monitor and review energy customer complaints and grievances on matters concerning rates or service of public utilities and natural gas companies under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

‘(C) investigate independently, or within the context of formal proceedings, the services provided by, the rates charged by, and the valuation of the properties of, public utilities and natural gas companies under the jurisdiction of the Commission;

‘(D) develop means, such as public dissemination of information, consultative services, and technical assistance, to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that the interests of energy consumers are adequately represented in the course of any hearing or proceeding described in subparagraph (A);

‘(E) collect data concerning rates or service of public utilities and natural gas companies under the jurisdiction of the Commission; and

‘(F) prepare and issue reports and recommendations.

‘(4) COMPENSATION AND POWERS- The Director shall be

compensated at Level IV of the Executive Schedule. The Director may--

‘(A) employ not more than 25 full-time professional employees at appropriate levels in the GS Scale and such additional support personnel as required; and

‘(B) procure temporary and intermittent services as needed.

‘(5) INFORMATION FROM OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES- The Director may request, from any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States such information as he deems necessary to carry out his functions under this section. Upon such request, the head of the department, agency, or instrumentality concerned shall, to the extent practicable and authorized by law, provide such information to the Office.

‘(b) Consumer Advocacy Advisory Committee-

‘(1) ESTABLISHMENT- The Director shall establish an advisory committee to be known as Consumer Advocacy Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the ‘Advisory Committee’) to review rates, services, and disputes and to make recommendations to the Director.

‘(2) COMPOSITION- The Director shall appoint 5 members to the Advisory Committee including--

‘(A) 2 individuals representing State utility consumer advocates; and

‘(B) 1 individual, from a nongovernmental organization representing consumers.

‘(3) MEETINGS- The Advisory Committee shall meet at such frequency as may be required to carry out its duties.

‘(4) REPORTS- The Director shall provide for the publication of recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the public website established for the Office.

‘(5) DURATION- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Advisory Committee shall continue in operation during the period for which the Office exists.

‘(c) Definitions-

‘(1) ENERGY CUSTOMER- The term ‘energy customer’ means a residential customer or a small commercial customer that receives products or services directly or indirectly from a public utility or natural gas company under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

‘(2) NATURAL GAS COMPANY- The term ‘natural gas company’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717a), as modified by section 601(a) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3431(a)).

‘(3) OFFICE- The term ‘Office’ means the Office of Consumer Advocacy established under this section.

‘(4) PUBLIC UTILITY- The term ‘public utility’ has the meaning given the term in section 201(e) of this Act.

‘(5) SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER- The term ‘small commercial customer’ means a commercial customer that has a peak demand of not more than 1,000 kilowatts per hour.

‘(d) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to carry out this section.

‘(e) Savings Clause- Nothing in this section affects the rights or obligations of any State utility consumer advocate.’.

SEC. 199. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR RENEWABLE POWER BORROWING AUTHORITY.

(a) Determination- No later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, shall--

(1) determine any geographic area within the contiguous United States that lacks a Federal power marketing agency;

(2) develop a plan or criteria for the geographic areas identified in paragraph (1) regarding investment in renewable energy and associated infrastructure within an area identified in paragraph (1); and

(3) identify any Federal agency within an area in paragraph (1) that has, or could develop, the ability to facilitate the investment in paragraph (2).

(b) Report- The Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, shall provide the determinations made under subsection (a) to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(c) Establishment- Based upon the determinations made pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, shall recommend to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives the establishment of any new Federal lending authority, including authorization of additional lending authority for existing Federal agencies, not to exceed \$3,500,000,000 per geographic area identified in subsection (a)(1).

(d) Authorization- \$25,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2010 to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 199A. STUDY.

Not later than February 1, 2011, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the Congress a report showing the results of a study on the use of thorium-

fueled nuclear reactors for national energy needs. Such report shall include a response to the International Atomic Energy Agency study entitled ‘Thorium fuel cycle - Potential benefits and challenges’ (IAEA-TECDOC-1450).

TITLE II--ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Subtitle A--Building Energy Efficiency Programs

SEC. 201. GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDING CODES.

Section 304 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6833) is amended to read as follows:

‘SEC. 304. GREATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDING CODES.

‘(a) Energy Efficiency Targets-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in paragraph (2) or (3), the national building code energy efficiency target for the national average percentage improvement of a building’s energy performance when built to a code meeting the target shall be--

‘(A) effective on the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, 30 percent reduction in energy use relative to a comparable building constructed in compliance with the baseline code;

‘(B) effective January 1, 2014, for residential buildings, and January 1, 2015, for commercial buildings, 50 percent reduction in energy use relative to the baseline code; and

‘(C) effective January 1, 2017, for residential buildings, and January 1, 2018, for commercial buildings, and every 3 years thereafter, respectively, through January 1, 2029, and

January 1, 2030, 5 percent additional reduction in energy use relative to the baseline code.

‘(2) **CONSENSUS-BASED CODES**- If on any effective date specified in paragraph (1)(A), (B), or (C) a successor code to the baseline codes provides for greater reduction in energy use than is required under paragraph (1), the overall percentage reduction in energy use provided by that successor code shall be the national building code energy efficiency target.

‘(3) **TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY SECRETARY**- The Secretary may by rule establish a national building code energy efficiency target for residential or commercial buildings achieving greater reductions in energy use than the targets prescribed in paragraph (1) or (2) if the Secretary determines that such greater reductions in energy use can be achieved with a code that is life cycle cost-justified and technically feasible. The Secretary may by rule establish a national building code energy efficiency target for residential or commercial buildings achieving a reduction in energy use that is greater than zero but less than the targets prescribed in paragraph (1) or (2) if the Secretary determines that such lesser target is the maximum reduction in energy use that can be achieved through a code that is life cycle cost-justified and technically feasible.

‘(4) **ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS IN ENERGY USE**- Effective on January 1, 2033, and once every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall determine, after notice and opportunity for comment, whether further energy efficiency building code improvements for residential or commercial buildings, respectively, are life cycle cost-justified and technically feasible, and shall establish updated national building code energy efficiency targets that meet such criteria.

‘(5) **ZERO-NET-ENERGY BUILDINGS**- In setting targets under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider ways to

support the deployment of distributed renewable energy technology, and shall seek to achieve the goal of zero-net-energy commercial buildings established in section 422 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082).

‘(6) BASELINE CODE- For purposes of this section, the term ‘baseline code’ means--

‘(A) for residential buildings, the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) published by the International Code Council (ICC); and

‘(B) for commercial buildings, the code published in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2004.

‘(7) CONSULTATION- In establishing the targets required by this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

‘(b) National Energy Efficiency Building Codes-

‘(1) REQUIREMENT-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- There shall be established national energy efficiency building codes under this subsection, for residential and commercial buildings, sufficient to meet each of the national building code energy efficiency targets established under subsection (a), not later than the date that is 1 year after the deadline for establishment of each such target, except that the national energy efficiency building code established to meet the target described in subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be established by not later than 15 months after the effective date of that target.

‘(B) EXISTING CODE- If the Secretary finds prior to the date provided in subparagraph (A) for establishing a

national code for any target that one or more energy efficiency building codes published by a recognized developer of national energy codes and standards meet or exceed the established target, the Secretary shall select the code that meets the target with the highest efficiency in the most cost-effective manner, and such code shall be the national energy efficiency building code.

‘(C) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH CODE- If the Secretary does not make a finding under subparagraph (B), the national energy efficiency building code shall be established by rule by the Secretary under paragraph (2).

‘(2) ESTABLISHMENT BY SECRETARY-

‘(A) PROCEDURE- In order to establish a national energy efficiency building code as required under paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall--

‘(i) not later than 6 months prior to the effective date for each target, review existing and proposed codes published or under review by recognized developers of national energy codes and standards;

‘(ii) determine the percentage of energy efficiency improvements that are or would be achieved in such published or proposed code versions relative to the target;

‘(iii) propose improvements to such published or proposed code versions sufficient to meet or exceed the target; and

‘(iv) unless a finding is made under paragraph (1)(B) with respect to a code published by a recognized developer of national energy codes and standards, adopt a code that meets or exceeds the relevant

national building code energy efficiency target by not later than 1 year after the effective date of each such target, and by not later than 15 months after the target is established under subsection (a)(1)(A).

‘(B) CALCULATIONS- Each national energy efficiency building code established by the Secretary under this paragraph shall be set at the maximum level the Secretary determines is life cycle cost-justified and technically feasible, in accordance with the following:

‘(i) SAVINGS CALCULATIONS- Calculations of energy savings shall take into account the typical lifetimes of different products, measures, and system configurations.

‘(ii) COST-EFFECTIVENESS CALCULATIONS- Calculations of life cycle cost-effectiveness shall be based on life cycle cost methods and procedures under section 544 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8254), but shall incorporate to the extent feasible externalities such as impacts on climate change and on peak energy demand that are not already incorporated in assumed energy costs.

‘(C) CONSIDERATIONS- In developing a national energy efficiency building code under this paragraph, the Secretary shall consider--

‘(i) for residential national energy efficiency building codes--

‘(I) residential building standards published or proposed by ASHRAE;

‘(II) building codes published or proposed by the International Code Council (ICC);

‘(III) data from the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) on compliance measures utilized by consumers to qualify for the residential energy efficiency tax credits established under the Energy Policy Act of 2005;

‘(IV) data and information from the Department of Energy’s Building America Program;

‘(V) data and information from the Energy Star New Homes program;

‘(VI) data and information from the New Building Institute and similar organizations; and

‘(VII) standards for practices and materials to achieve cool roofs in residential buildings, taking into consideration reduced air conditioning energy use as a function of cool roofs, the potential reduction in global warming from increased solar reflectance from buildings, and cool roofs criteria in State and local building codes and in national and local voluntary programs, without reduction of otherwise applicable ceiling insulation standards; and

‘(ii) for commercial national energy efficiency building codes--

‘(I) commercial building standards proposed by ASHRAE;

‘(II) building codes proposed by the International Code Council (ICC);

‘(III) the Core Performance Criteria published by the New Buildings Institute;

‘(IV) data and information developed by the Director of the Commercial High-Performance Green Building Office of the Department of Energy and any public-private partnerships established under that Office;

‘(V) data and information from the Energy Star for Buildings program;

‘(VI) data and information from the New Building Institute, RESNET, and similar organizations; and

‘(VII) standards for practices and materials to achieve cool roofs in commercial buildings, taking into consideration reduced air conditioning energy use as a function of cool roofs, the potential reduction in global warming from increased solar reflectance from buildings, and cool roofs criteria in State and local building codes and in national and local voluntary programs, without reduction of otherwise applicable ceiling insulation standards.

‘(D) CONSULTATION- In establishing any national energy efficiency building code required by this section, the Secretary shall consult with the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

‘(3) CONSENSUS STANDARD ASSISTANCE- (A) To support the development of consensus standards that may provide the basis for national energy efficiency building codes, minimize duplication of effort, encourage progress through consensus, and facilitate the development of greater building efficiency, the Secretary shall provide assistance to recognized developers of national energy codes and standards to develop, and where the relevant code has been adopted as the national code, disseminate consensus based energy efficiency building codes as provided in this paragraph.

‘(B) Upon a finding by the Secretary that a code developed by such a developer meets a target established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall--

‘(i) send notice of the Secretary’s finding to all duly authorized or appointed State, tribal, and local code agencies; and

‘(ii) provide sufficient support to such a developer to make the code available on the Internet, or to accomplish distribution of such code to all such State, tribal, and local code agencies at no cost to the State, tribal, and local code agencies.

‘(C) The Secretary may contract with such a developer and with other organizations with expertise on codes to provide training for State, tribal, and local code officials and building inspectors in the implementation and enforcement of such code.

‘(D) The Secretary may provide grants and other support to such a developer to--

‘(i) develop appropriate refinements to such code; and

‘(ii) support analysis of options for improvements in the code to meet the next scheduled target.

‘(4) CODE DEVELOPED BY SECRETARY- If the Secretary establishes a national energy efficiency building code under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall--

‘(A) to the extent that such code is based on a prior code developed by a recognized developer of national energy codes and standards, negotiate and provide appropriate compensation to such developer for the use of the code materials that remain in the code established by the Secretary; and

‘(B) disseminate the national energy efficiency building codes to State, tribal, and local code officials, and support training and provide guidance and technical assistance to such officials as appropriate.

‘(c) State Adoption of Energy Efficiency Building Codes-

‘(1) REQUIREMENT- Not later than 1 year after a national energy efficiency building code for residential or commercial buildings is established or revised under subsection (b), each State--

‘(A) shall--

‘(i) review and update the provisions of its building code regarding energy efficiency to meet or exceed the target met in the new national energy efficiency building code, to achieve equivalent or greater energy savings;

‘(ii) document, where local governments establish building codes, that local governments representing not less than 80 percent of the State’s urban population have adopted the new national code, or have adopted local codes that meet or exceed the target met in the new national code to achieve equivalent or greater energy savings; or

‘(iii) adopt the new national code; and

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‘(B) shall provide a certification to the Secretary demonstrating that energy efficiency building code provisions that apply pursuant to subparagraph (A) in that State meet or exceed the target met by the new national code, to achieve equivalent or greater energy savings.

‘(2) CONFIRMATION-

‘(A) REQUIREMENT- Not later than 90 days after a State certification is provided under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall determine whether the State’s energy efficiency building code provisions meet the requirements of this subsection.

‘(B) ACCEPTANCE BY SECRETARY- If the Secretary determines under subparagraph (A) that the State’s energy efficiency building code or codes meet the requirements of this subsection, the Secretary shall accept the certification.

‘(C) DEFICIENCY NOTICE- If the Secretary determines under subparagraph (A) that the State’s building code or codes do not meet the requirements of this subsection, the Secretary shall identify the deficiency in meeting the national building code energy efficiency target, and, to the extent possible, indicate areas where further improvement in the State’s code provisions would allow the deficiency to be eliminated.

‘(D) REVISION OF CODE AND RECERTIFICATION- A State may revise its code or codes and submit a recertification under paragraph (1)(B) to the Secretary at any time.

‘(3) COMPLIANT CODE- For the purposes of meeting the target described in subsection (a)(1)(A) for residential buildings, a State that adopts the code represented in California’s Title 24-2009 by the date 27 months after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 shall be considered to have met the requirements of this subsection for the applicable period.

‘(d) Application of National Code to State and Local Jurisdictions-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Upon the expiration of 18 months after a national energy efficiency building code is established under subsection (b), in any jurisdiction where the State has not had a certification relating to that code accepted by the Secretary under subsection (c)(2)(B), and the local government has not had a certification relating to that code accepted by the Secretary under subsection (e)(5), the national energy efficiency building code shall become the applicable energy efficiency building code for such jurisdiction.

‘(2) CONFLICTS- In the event of a conflict between a provision of the national energy efficiency building code and a provision of other applicable energy codes, the national energy efficiency building code shall apply. If there is a conflict between a provision of the national energy efficiency building code and a provision of any applicable fire code, life safety code, egress code, or accessibility code, the Secretary shall take appropriate actions to resolve such conflict in a manner that does not compromise the objectives of such codes.

‘(3) STATE LEGISLATIVE ADOPTION- In a State in which the relevant building energy code is adopted legislatively, the deadline in paragraph (1) shall not be earlier than 1 year after the first day that the legislature meets following establishment of a national energy efficiency building code.

‘(4) NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENFORCE- A State or locality that enforces building codes may assume responsibility for enforcing the national energy efficiency building code by notifying the Secretary to that effect not later than three months after the date established under paragraph (1).

‘(5) VIOLATIONS- Violations of this section shall be defined as follows:

‘(A) If the building is subject to the requirements of a State energy efficiency building code with respect to which a

certification has been accepted by the Secretary under subsection (c)(2)(B) or a local energy efficiency building code with respect to which a certification has been accepted by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (e)(5), or the requirements of the national energy efficiency building code in a State where the State or locality has notified the Secretary of its intent to enforce the provisions of the national energy efficiency building code, a violation shall be determined pursuant to the relevant provisions of State or local law.

‘(B) If the building is subject to the requirements of a national energy efficiency building code made applicable under paragraph (1) of this subsection, except as provided in subparagraph (A), a violation shall be defined by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (g).

‘(e) State Enforcement of Energy Efficiency Building Codes-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Each State, or where applicable under State law each local government, shall implement and enforce applicable State or local codes with respect to which a certification was accepted by the Secretary under subsection (c)(2)(B) or paragraph (5) of this subsection, or the national energy efficiency building codes, as provided in this subsection.

‘(2) STATE CERTIFICATION- Not later than 2 years after the date of a certification under subsection (c)(1) or the application of a national energy efficiency building code under subsection (d)(1), each State shall certify that it has--

‘(A) achieved compliance with--

‘(i) State codes, or, as provided under State law, local codes, with respect to which a certification was accepted by the Secretary under subsection (c)(2)(B);
or

‘(ii) the national energy efficiency building code, as applicable; or

‘(B) for any certification submitted within 7 years after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, made significant progress toward achieving such compliance.

‘(3) **ACHIEVING COMPLIANCE**- A State shall be considered to achieve compliance with a code described in paragraph (2)(A) if at least 90 percent of new and substantially renovated building space in that State in the preceding year upon inspection meets the requirements of the code. A certification under paragraph (2) shall include documentation of the rate of compliance based on--

‘(A) independent inspections of a random sample of the new and substantially renovated buildings covered by the code in the preceding year; or

‘(B) an alternative method that yields an accurate measure of compliance as determined by the Secretary.

‘(4) **SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS**- A State shall be considered to have made significant progress toward achieving compliance with a code described in paragraph (2)(A) if--

‘(A) the State has developed a plan, including for hiring enforcement staff, providing training, providing manuals and checklists, and instituting enforcement programs, designed to achieve full compliance within 5 years after the date of the adoption of the code;

‘(B) the State is taking significant, timely, and measurable action to implement that plan;

‘(C) the State has not reduced its expenditures for code

enforcement; and

‘(D) at least 50 percent of new and substantially renovated building space in the State in the preceding year upon inspection meets the requirements of the code.

‘(5) Secretary’S DETERMINATION- Not later than 90 days after a State certification under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall determine whether the State has demonstrated that it has complied with the requirements of this subsection, including accurate measurement of compliance, or that it has made significant progress toward compliance. If such determination is positive, the Secretary shall accept the certification. If the determination is negative, the Secretary shall identify the areas of deficiency.

‘(6) OUT OF COMPLIANCE-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Any State for which the Secretary has not accepted a certification under paragraph (5) by the dates specified in paragraph (2) is out of compliance with this section.

‘(B) LOCAL COMPLIANCE- In any State that is out of compliance with this section as provided in subparagraph (A), a local government may be in compliance with this section by meeting all certification requirements of this subsection.

‘(C) NONCOMPLIANCE- Any State that is not in compliance with this section, as provided in subparagraph (A), shall, until the State regains such compliance, be ineligible to receive--

‘(i) emission allowances pursuant to subsection (h)(1);

‘(ii) Federal funding in excess of that State’s share

(calculated according to the allocation formula in section 363 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6323)) of \$125,000,000 each year; and

‘(iii) for--

‘(I) the first year for which the State is out of compliance, 25 percent of any additional funding or other items of monetary value otherwise provided under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009;

‘(II) the second year for which the State is out of compliance, 50 percent of any additional funding or other items of monetary value otherwise provided under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009;

‘(III) the third year for which the State is out of compliance, 75 percent of any additional funding or other items of monetary value otherwise provided under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009; and

‘(IV) the fourth and subsequent years for which the State is out of compliance, 100 percent of any additional funding or other items of monetary value otherwise provided under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(f) Federal Enforcement and Training- Where a State fails and local governments in that State also fail to enforce the applicable State or national energy efficiency building codes, the Secretary shall enforce such codes, as follows:

‘(1) The Secretary shall establish, by rule, within 2 years after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and

Security Act of 2009, an energy efficiency building code enforcement capability.

‘(2) Such enforcement capability shall be designed to achieve 90 percent compliance with such code in any State within 1 year after the date of the Secretary’s determination that such State is out of compliance with this section.

‘(3) The Secretary may set and collect reasonable inspection fees to cover the costs of inspections required for such enforcement. Revenue from fees collected shall be available to the Secretary to carry out the requirements of this section upon appropriation.

‘(4) In any jurisdiction to which this subsection applies, the Secretary shall coordinate enforcement of the national energy efficiency building code with State and local code enforcement of other building codes.

‘(5) In any jurisdiction to which this subsection applies, the Secretary shall enhance compliance by conducting training and education of builders and other professionals in the jurisdiction concerning the national energy efficiency building code.

‘(6) The Secretary shall coordinate with professional organizations representing code officials, architects, engineers, builders, and other experts to develop training curricula concerning the national energy efficiency building code.

‘(7) If the Secretary enforces such codes under this subsection, the Secretary may, as appropriate, redefine violations of such codes.

‘(g) Enforcement Procedures- The Secretary shall propose and, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, shall define by rule violations of the energy efficiency building codes to be enforced by the Secretary

pursuant to this section, and the penalties that shall apply to violators, in any jurisdiction in which the national energy efficiency building code has been made applicable under subsection (d)(1). To the extent that the Secretary determines that the authority to adopt and impose such violations and penalties by rule requires further statutory authority, the Secretary shall report such determination to Congress as soon as such determination is made, but not later than 1 year after the enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(h) Federal Support-

‘(1) ALLOWANCE ALLOCATION FOR STATE

COMPLIANCE- For each vintage year from 2012 through 2050, the Administrator shall distribute allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(g)(2) of the Clean Air Act to the SEED Account for each State. Such allowances shall be distributed according to a formula established by the Secretary as follows:

‘(A) One-fifth in an equal amount to each of the 50 States and United States territories.

‘(B) Two-fifths as a function of the relative energy use in all buildings in each State in the most recent year for which data is available.

‘(C) Two-fifths based on the number of building construction starts recorded in each State, the number of new building permits applied for in each State, or other relevant available data indicating building activity in each State, in the judgment of the Secretary, for the year prior to the year of the distribution.

‘(2) ALLOWANCE ALLOCATION TO LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS- In the instance that the Secretary certifies that one or more local governments are in compliance with this section pursuant to subsection (e)(6)(B), the Administrator shall

provide to each such local government the portion of the emission allowances that would have been provided to that State as a function of the population of that locality as a proportion of the population of that State as a whole.

‘(3) UNALLOCATED ALLOWANCES- To the extent that allowances are not provided to State or local governments for lack of certification in any year, those allowances shall be added to the amount provided to those States and local governments that are certified as eligible in that year.

‘(4) USE OF ALLOWANCES- Each State or each local government shall use such emission allowances as it receives pursuant to this section exclusively for the purposes of this section, including covering a reasonable portion of the costs of the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of a State or local energy efficiency building code that meets the national building code energy efficiency targets, or the national energy efficiency building code. In a State where local governments provide substantially all building code enforcement, a minimum of 50 percent of the allowance value received pursuant to this section shall be distributed to local governments as a function of the relative populations of such localities. In a State where local and State governments share building code enforcement duties, the State and local shares of allowance value required for enforcement shall be allocated in proportion to the number of building inspections performed by each level of government, and the share for local governments shall be distributed as a function of the relative populations of such localities. States shall further ensure that the allowance value made available pursuant to section 782 of the Clean Air Act and section 132 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 is provided to the applicable State or local governmental entities as necessary to adopt and implement energy efficiency building codes, provide training for inspectors, ensure compliance, and provide such other functions

as necessary. Actions taken by local authorities pursuant to this section shall constitute an acceptable use of funds authorized pursuant to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program under section 544 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17154).

‘(i) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy \$25,000,000, and such additional sums as may be necessary to provide enforcement of a national energy efficiency building code, for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2020, and such sums thereafter as may be necessary to support the purposes of this section.

‘(j) Annual Reports by Secretary- The Secretary shall annually submit to Congress, and publish in the Federal Register, a report on--

‘(1) the status of national energy efficiency building codes;

‘(2) the status of energy efficiency building code adoption and compliance in the States;

‘(3) the implementation of this section;

‘(4) the status of Federal enforcement of building codes, including coordination with State and local enforcement, and the extent and resolution of any conflicts between the national energy efficiency building code and other residential and commercial building codes in force in the same jurisdictions; and

‘(5) impacts of past action under this section, and potential impacts of further action, on lifetime energy use by buildings, including resulting energy and cost savings.’.

SEC. 202. BUILDING RETROFIT PROGRAM.

(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

- (1) **ASSISTED HOUSING**- The term ‘assisted housing’ means those properties receiving project-based assistance pursuant to section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q), section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013), section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), or similar programs.
- (2) **NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING**- The term ‘nonresidential building’ means a building with a primary use or purpose other than residential housing, including any building used for commercial offices, schools, academic and other public and private institutions, nonprofit organizations including faith-based organizations, hospitals, hotels, and other nonresidential purposes. Such buildings shall include mixed-use properties used for both residential and nonresidential purposes in which more than half of building floor space is nonresidential.
- (3) **PERFORMANCE-BASED BUILDING RETROFIT PROGRAM**- The term ‘performance-based building retrofit program’ means a program that determines building energy efficiency success based on actual measured savings after a retrofit is complete, as evidenced by energy invoices or evaluation protocols.
- (4) **PRESCRIPTIVE BUILDING RETROFIT PROGRAM**- The term ‘prescriptive building retrofit program’ means a program that projects building retrofit energy efficiency success based on the known effectiveness of measures prescribed to be included in a retrofit.
- (5) **PUBLIC HOUSING**- The term ‘public housing’ means properties receiving assistance under section 9 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g).
- (6) **RECOMMISSIONING; RETROCOMMISSIONING**- The terms ‘recommissioning’ and ‘retrocommissioning’ have the meaning given those terms in section 543(f)(1) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8253(f)(1)).

(7) **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING**- The term ‘residential building’ means a building whose primary use is residential. Such buildings shall include single-family homes (both attached and detached), owner-occupied units in larger buildings with their own dedicated space-conditioning systems, apartment buildings, multi-unit condominium buildings, public housing, assisted housing, and buildings used for both residential and nonresidential purposes in which more than half of building floor space is residential.

(8) **STATE ENERGY PROGRAM**- The term ‘State Energy Program’ means the program under part D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

(b) **Establishment**- The Administrator shall develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, standards for a national energy and environmental building retrofit policy for single-family and multifamily residences. The Administrator shall develop and implement, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the Director of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings, standards for a national energy and environmental building retrofit policy for nonresidential buildings. The programs to implement the residential and nonresidential policies based on the standards developed under this section shall together be known as the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program.

(c) **Purpose**- The purpose of the REEP program is to facilitate the retrofitting of existing buildings across the United States to achieve maximum cost-effective energy efficiency improvements and significant improvements in water use and other environmental attributes.

(d) **Federal Administration**-

(1) **EXISTING PROGRAMS**- In creating and operating the REEP program--

(A) the Administrator shall make appropriate use of existing programs, including the Energy Star program and in particular the Environmental Protection Agency Energy Star for Buildings

program; and

(B) the Secretary of Energy shall make appropriate use of existing programs, including delegating authority to the Director of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings appointed under section 421 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17081), who shall designate and provide funding to support a high-performance green building partnership consortium pursuant to subsection (f) of such section to support efforts under this section.

(2) CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION- The Administrator and the Secretary of Energy shall consult with and coordinate with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in carrying out the REEP program with regard to retrofitting of public housing and assisted housing. As a result of such consultation, the Administrator shall establish standards to ensure that retrofits of public housing and assisted housing funded pursuant to this section are cost-effective, including opportunities to address the potential co-performance of repair and replacement needs that may be supported with other forms of Federal assistance. Owners of public housing or assisted housing receiving funding through the REEP program shall agree to continue to provide affordable housing consistent with the provisions of the authorizing legislation governing each program for an additional period commensurate with the funding received, as determined in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(3) ASSISTANCE- The Administrator and the Secretary of Energy shall provide consultation and assistance to State and local agencies for the establishment of revolving loan funds, loan guarantees, or other forms of financial assistance under this section.

(e) State and Local Administration-

(1) DESIGNATION AND DELEGATION- A State may designate one or more agencies or entities, including those regulated by the State, to

carry out the purposes of this section, but shall designate one entity or individual as the principal point of contact for the Administrator regarding the REEP Program. The designated State agency, agencies, or entities may delegate performance of appropriate elements of the REEP program, upon their request and subject to State law, to counties, municipalities, appropriate public agencies, and other divisions of local government, as well as to entities regulated by the State. In making any such designation or delegation, a State shall give priority to entities that administer existing comprehensive retrofit programs, including those under the supervision of State utility regulators. States shall maintain responsibility for meeting the standards and requirements of the REEP program. In any State that elects not to administer the REEP program, a unit of local government may propose to do so within its jurisdiction, and if the Administrator finds that such local government is capable of administering the program, the Administrator may provide allowances to that local government, prorated according to the population of the local jurisdiction relative to the population of the State, for purposes of the REEP program.

(2) EMPLOYMENT- States and local government entities may administer a REEP program in a manner that authorizes public or regulated investor-owned utilities, building auditors and inspectors, contractors, nonprofit organizations, for-profit companies, and other entities to perform audits and retrofit services under this section. A State may provide incentives for retrofits without direct participation by the State or its agents, so long as the resulting savings are measured and verified. A State or local administrator of a REEP program shall seek to ensure that sufficient qualified entities are available to support retrofit activities so that building owners have a competitive choice among qualified auditors, raters, contractors, and providers of services related to retrofits. Nothing in this section is intended to deny the right of a building owner to choose the specific providers of retrofit services to engage for a retrofit project in that owner's building.

(3) EQUAL INCENTIVES FOR EQUAL IMPROVEMENT- In general, the States should strive to offer the same levels of incentives

for retrofits that meet the same efficiency improvement goals, regardless of whether the State, its agency or entity, or the building owner has conducted the retrofit achieving the improvement, provided the improvement is measured and verified.

(f) Elements of Reep Program- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall establish goals, guidelines, practices, and standards for accomplishing the purpose stated in subsection (c), and shall annually review and, as appropriate, revise such goals, guidelines, practices, and standards. The program under this section shall include the following:

(1) Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET) or Building Performance Institute (BPI) analyst certification of residential building energy and environment auditors, inspectors, and raters, or an equivalent certification system as determined by the Administrator.

(2) BPI certification or licensing by States of residential building energy and environmental retrofit contractors, or an equivalent certification or licensing system as determined by the Administrator.

(3) Provision of BPI, RESNET, or other appropriate information on equipment and procedures, as determined by the Administrator, that contractors can use to test the energy and environmental efficiency of buildings effectively (such as infrared photography and pressurized testing, and tests for water use and indoor air quality).

(4) Provision of clear and effective materials to describe the testing and retrofit processes for typical buildings.

(5) Guidelines for offering and managing prescriptive building retrofit programs and performance-based building retrofit programs for residential and nonresidential buildings.

(6) Guidelines for applying recommissioning and retrocommissioning principles to improve a building's operations and maintenance procedures.

(7) A requirement that building retrofits conducted pursuant to a REEP program utilize, especially in all air-conditioned buildings, roofing materials with high solar energy reflectance, unless inappropriate due to green roof management, solar energy production, or for other reasons identified by the Administrator, in order to reduce energy consumption within the building, increase the albedo of the building's roof, and decrease the heat island effect in the area of the building, without reduction of otherwise applicable ceiling insulation standards.

(8) Determination of energy savings in a performance-based building retrofit program through--

(A) for residential buildings, comparison of before and after retrofit scores on the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index, where the final score is produced by an objective third party;

(B) for nonresidential buildings, Environmental Protection Agency Portfolio Manager benchmarks; or

(C) for either residential or nonresidential buildings, use of an Administrator-approved simulation program by a contractor with the appropriate certification, subject to appropriate software standards and verification of at least 15 percent of all work done, or such other percentage as the Administrator may determine.

(9) Guidelines for utilizing the Energy Star Portfolio Manager, the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rating system, Home Performance with Energy Star program approvals, and any other tools associated with the retrofit program.

(10) Requirements and guidelines for post-retrofit inspection and confirmation of work and energy savings.

(11) Detailed descriptions of funding options for the benefit of State and local governments, along with model forms, accounting aids, agreements, and guides to best practices.

(12) Guidance on opportunities for--

(A) rating or certifying retrofitted buildings as Energy Star buildings, or as green buildings under a recognized green building rating system;

(B) assigning Home Energy Rating System (HERS) or similar ratings; and

(C) completing any applicable building performance labels.

(13) Sample materials for publicizing the program to building owners, including public service announcements and advertisements.

(14) Processes for tracking the numbers and locations of buildings retrofitted under the REEP program, with information on projected and actual savings of energy and its value over time.

(g) Requirements- As a condition of receiving allowances for the REEP program pursuant to this Act, a State or qualifying local government shall--

(1) adopt the standards for training, certification of contractors, certification of buildings, and post-retrofit inspection as developed by the Administrator for residential and nonresidential buildings, respectively, except as necessary to match local conditions, needs, efficiency opportunities, or other local factors, or to accord with State laws or regulations, and then only after the Administrator approves such a variance;

(2) establish fiscal controls and accounting procedures (which conform to generally accepted government accounting principles) sufficient to ensure proper accounting during appropriate accounting periods for payments received and disbursements, and for fund balances; and

(3) agree to make not less than 10 percent of allowance value received pursuant to section 132(c)(2) for dedicated funding of its REEP program available on a preferential basis for retrofit projects proposed

for public housing and assisted housing, provided that--

- (A) none of such funds shall be used for demolition of such housing;
- (B) such retrofits not shall not be used to justify any increase in rents charged to residents of such housing; and
- (C) owners of such housing shall agree to continue to provide affordable housing consistent with the provisions of the authorizing legislation governing each program for an additional period commensurate with the funding received.

The Administrator shall conduct or require each State to have such independent financial audits of REEP-related funding as the Administrator considers necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section.

(h) Options to Support Reep Program- The emission allowances provided pursuant to this Act to the States SEED Accounts shall support the implementation through State REEP programs of alternate means of creating incentives for, or reducing financial barriers to, improved energy and environmental performance in buildings, consistent with this section, including--

- (1) implementing prescriptive building retrofit programs and performance-based building retrofit programs;
- (2) providing credit enhancement, interest rate subsidies, loan guarantees, or other credit support;
- (3) providing initial capital for public revolving fund financing of retrofits, with repayments by beneficiary building owners over time through their tax payments, calibrated to create net positive cash flow to the building owner;
- (4) providing funds to support utility-operated retrofit programs with repayments over time through utility rates, calibrated to create net positive cash flow to the building owner, and transferable from one

building owner to the next with the building's utility services;

(5) providing funds to local government programs to provide REEP services and financial assistance; and

(6) other means proposed by State and local agencies, subject to the approval of the Administrator.

(i) Support for Program-

(1) USE OF ALLOWANCES- Direct Federal support for the REEP program is provided through the emission allowances allocated to the States' SEED Accounts pursuant to section 132 of this Act. To the extent that a State provides allowances to local governments within the State to implement elements of the REEP Program, that shall be deemed a distribution of such allowances to units of local government pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of that section.

(2) INITIAL AWARD LIMITS- Except as provided in paragraph (3), State and local REEP programs may make per-building direct expenditures for retrofit improvements, or their equivalent in indirect or other forms of financial support, from funds derived from the sale of allowances received directly from the Administrator in amounts not to exceed the following amounts per unit:

(A) RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROGRAM-

(i) AWARDS- For residential buildings--

(I) support for a free or low-cost detailed building energy audit that prescribes measures sufficient to achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in energy use, by providing an incentive equal to the documented cost of such audit, but not more than \$200, in addition to any earned by achieving a 20 percent or greater efficiency improvement;

(II) a total of \$1,000 for a combination of measures,

prescribed in an audit conducted under subclause (I), designed to reduce energy consumption by more than 10 percent, and \$2,000 for a combination of measures prescribed in such an audit, designed to reduce energy consumption by more than 20 percent;

(III) \$3,000 for demonstrated savings of 20 percent, pursuant to a performance-based building retrofit program; and

(IV) \$1,000 for each additional 5 percentage points of energy savings achieved beyond savings for which funding is provided under subclause (II) or (III).

Funding shall not be provided under clauses (II) and (III) for the same energy savings.

(ii) **MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE-** Awards under clause (i) shall not exceed 50 percent of retrofit costs for each building. For buildings with multiple residential units, awards under clause (i) shall not be greater than 50 percent of the total cost of retrofitting the building, prorated among individual residential units on the basis of relative costs of the retrofit. In the case of public housing and assisted housing, the 50 percent contribution matching the contribution from REEP program funds may come from any other source, including other Federal funds.

(iii) **ADDITIONAL AWARDS-** Additional awards may be provided for purposes of increasing energy efficiency, for buildings achieving at least 20 percent energy savings using funding provided under clause (i), in the form of grants of not more than \$600 for measures projected or measured (using an appropriate method approved by the Administrator) to achieve at least 35 percent potable water savings through equipment or systems with an estimated service life of not less than 7 years, and not more than an additional \$20 may be provided for each additional one percent of such savings, up to a maximum total

grant of \$1,200.

(B) NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDING PROGRAM-

(i) AWARDS- For nonresidential buildings--

(I) support for a free or low-cost detailed building energy audit that prescribes, as part of a energy-reducing measures sufficient to achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in energy use, by providing an incentive equal to the documented cost of such audit, but not more than \$500, in addition to any award earned by achieving a 20 percent or greater efficiency improvement;

(II) \$0.15 per square foot of retrofit area for demonstrated energy use reductions from 20 percent to 30 percent;

(III) \$0.75 per square foot for demonstrated energy use reductions from 30 percent to 40 percent;

(IV) \$1.60 per square foot for demonstrated energy use reductions from 40 percent to 50 percent; and

(V) \$2.50 per square foot for demonstrated energy use reductions exceeding 50 percent.

(ii) **MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE-** Amounts provided under subclauses (II) through (V) of clause (i) combined shall not exceed 50 percent of the total retrofit cost of a building. In nonresidential buildings with multiple units, such awards shall be prorated among individual units on the basis of relative costs of the retrofit.

(iii) **ADDITIONAL AWARDS-** Additional awards may be provided, for buildings achieving at least 20 percent energy savings using funding provided under clause (i), as follows:

(I) **WATER-** For purposes of increasing energy efficiency, grants may be made for whole building potable water use reduction (using an appropriate method approved by the Administrator) for up to 50 percent of the total retrofit cost, including amounts up to--

(aa) \$24.00 per thousand gallons per year of potable water savings of 40 percent or more;

(bb) \$27.00 per thousand gallons per year of potable water savings of 50 percent or more; and

(cc) \$30.00 per thousand gallons per year of potable water savings of 60 percent or more.

(II) **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS-** Additional awards of up to \$1,000 may be granted for the inclusion of other environmental attributes that the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, identifies as contributing to energy efficiency. Such attributes may include, but are not limited to waste diversion and the use of environmentally preferable materials (including salvaged, renewable, or recycled materials, and materials with no or low-VOC content). The Administrator may recommend that States develop such standards as are necessary to account for local or regional conditions that may affect the feasibility or availability of identified resources and attributes.

(iv) **INDOOR AIR QUALITY MINIMUM-** Nonresidential buildings receiving incentives under this section must satisfy at a minimum the most recent version of ASHRAE Standard 62.1 for ventilation, or the equivalent as determined by the Administrator. A State may issue a waiver from this requirement to a building project on a showing that such compliance is infeasible due to the physical constraints of the building's existing ventilation system, or such other limitations as may be specified by the Administrator.

(C) **DISASTER DAMAGED BUILDINGS-** Any source of funds, including Federal funds provided through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, shall qualify as the building owner's 50 percent contribution, in order to match the contribution of REEP funds, so long as the REEP funds are only used to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings being reconstructed. In addition, the appropriate Federal agencies providing assistance to building owners through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act shall make information available, following a disaster, to building owners rebuilding disaster damaged buildings with assistance from the Act, that REEP funds may be used for energy efficiency improvements.

(D) **HISTORIC BUILDINGS-** Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), a building in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places shall be eligible for awards under this paragraph in amounts up to 120 percent of the amounts set forth in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(E) **SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT-** State and local governments may supplement the per-building expenditures under this paragraph with funding from other sources.

(3) **ADJUSTMENT-** The Administrator may adjust the specific dollar limits funded by the sale of allowances pursuant to paragraph (2) in years subsequent to the second year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, as the Administrator determines necessary to achieve optimum cost-effectiveness and to maximize incentives to achieve energy efficiency within the total building award amounts provided in that paragraph, and shall publish and hold constant such revised limits for at least 2 years.

(j) **Report to Congress-** The Administrator shall conduct an annual assessment of the achievements of the REEP program in each State, shall prepare an annual report of such achievements and any recommendations for program modifications, and shall provide such report to Congress at the end

of each fiscal year during which funding or other resources were made available to the States for the REEP Program.

(k) Other Sources of Federal Support-

(1) ADDITIONAL STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FUNDS- Any Federal funding provided to a State Energy Program that is not required to be expended for a different federally designated purpose may be used to support a REEP program.

(2) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION- State Energy Offices or designated State agencies may expend up to 10 percent of available allowance value provided under this section for program administration.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this section, for each of fiscal years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013--

(A) \$50,000,000 to the Administrator for program administration costs; and

(B) \$20,000,000 to the Secretary of Energy for program administration costs.

SEC. 203. ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

(1) MANUFACTURED HOME- The term ‘manufactured home’ has the meaning given such term in section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5402).

(2) ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED MANUFACTURED HOME- The term ‘Energy Star qualified manufactured home’ means a manufactured home that has been designed, produced, and installed in accordance

with Energy Star's guidelines by an Energy Star certified plant.

(b) Purpose- The purpose of this section is to assist low-income households residing in manufactured homes constructed prior to 1976 to save energy and energy expenditures by providing support toward the purchase of new Energy Star qualified manufactured homes.

(c) State Implementation of Program-

(1) MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM- Any State may provide to the owner of a manufactured home constructed prior to 1976 a rebate to use toward the purchase of a new Energy Star qualified manufactured home pursuant to this section.

(2) USE OF ALLOWANCES- Direct Federal support for the program established in this section is provided through the emission allowances allocated to the States' SEED Accounts pursuant to section 132 of this Act. To the extent that a State provides allowances to local governments within the State to implement this program, that shall be deemed a distribution of such allowances to units of local government pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of that section.

(3) REBATES-

(A) PRIMARY RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT- A rebate described under paragraph (1) may only be made to an owner of a manufactured home constructed prior to 1976 that is used on a year-round basis as a primary residence.

(B) DISMANTLING AND REPLACEMENT- A rebate described under paragraph (1) may be made only if the manufactured home constructed prior to 1976 will be--

(i) rendered unusable for human habitation (including appropriate recycling); and

(ii) replaced, in the same general location, as determined by the

applicable State agency, with an Energy Star qualified manufactured home.

(C) SINGLE REBATE- A rebate described under paragraph (1) may not be provided to any owner of a manufactured home constructed prior to 1976 that was or is a member of a household for which any other member of the household was provided a rebate pursuant to this section.

(D) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS- To be eligible to receive a rebate described under paragraph (1), an owner of a manufactured home constructed prior to 1976 shall demonstrate to the applicable State agency that the total income of all members the owner's household does not exceed 200 percent of the Federal poverty level for income in the applicable area.

(E) ADVANCE AVAILABILITY- A rebate may be provided under this section in a manner to facilitate the purchase of a new Energy Star qualified manufactured home.

(4) REBATE LIMITATION- Rebates provided by States under this section shall not exceed \$7,500 per manufactured home from any value derived from the use of emission allowances provided to the State pursuant to section 132.

(5) USE OF STATE FUNDS- A State providing rebates under this section may supplement the amount of such rebates under paragraph (4) by any additional amount is from State funds and other sources, including private donations or grants from charitable organizations.

(6) COORDINATION WITH SIMILAR PROGRAMS-

(A) STATE PROGRAMS- A State conducting an existing program that has the purpose of replacing manufactured homes constructed prior to 1976 with Energy Star qualified manufactured homes, may use allowance value provided under section 782 of the Clean Air Act to support such a program, provided such funding does not

exceed the rebate limitation amount under paragraph (4).

(B) **FEDERAL PROGRAMS-** The Secretary of Energy shall coordinate with and seek to achieve the purpose of this section through similar Federal programs including--

(i) the Weatherization Assistance Program under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.); and

(ii) the program under part D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

(C) **COORDINATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES-** A State agency using allowance value to administer the program under this section may coordinate its efforts, and share funds for administration, with other State agencies involved in low-income housing programs.

(7) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-** A State using allowance value under this section may expend not more than 10 percent of such value for administrative expenses related to this program.

SEC. 204. BUILDING ENERGY PERFORMANCE LABELING PROGRAM.

(a) **Establishment-**

(1) **PURPOSE-** The Administrator shall establish a building energy performance labeling program with broad applicability to the residential and commercial markets to enable and encourage knowledge about building energy performance by owners and occupants and to inform efforts to reduce energy consumption nationwide.

(2) **COMPONENTS-** In developing such program, the Administrator shall--

(A) consider existing programs, such as Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program, the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index, and programs at the Department of Energy;

(B) support the development of model performance labels for residential and commercial buildings; and

(C) utilize incentives and other means to spur use of energy performance labeling of public and private sector buildings nationwide.

(b) Data Assessment for Building Energy Performance-

(1) INITIAL REPORT- Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall provide to Congress, as well as to the Secretary of Energy and the Office of Management and Budget, a report identifying--

(A) all principal building types for which statistically significant energy performance data exists to serve as the basis of measurement protocols and labeling requirements for achieved building energy performance; and

(B) those building types for which additional data are required to enable the development of such protocols and requirements.

(2) ADDITIONAL REPORTS- Additional updated reports shall be provided under this subsection as often as The Administrator considers practicable, but not less than every 2 years.

(c) Building Data Acquisition-

(1) RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS- For all principal building types identified under subsection (b), the Secretary of Energy, not later than 90 days after a report by the Administrator under subsection (b), shall provide to Congress, the Administrator, and the Office of Management and Budget a statement of additional resources needed, if any, to fully

develop the relevant data, as well as the anticipated timeline for data development.

(2) CONSULTATION- The Secretary of Energy shall consult with the Administrator concerning the Administrator's ability to use data series for these additional building types to support the achieved performance component in the labeling program.

(3) IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDING ENERGY CONSUMPTION DATABASES-

(A) COMMERCIAL DATABASE- The Secretary of Energy shall support improvements to the Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) as authorized by section 205(k) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7135(k))--

(i) to enable complete and robust data for the actual energy performance of principal building types currently covered by survey;

(ii) to cover additional building types as identified by the Administrator under subsection (b)(1)(B), to enable the development of achieved performance measurement protocols are developed for at least 90 percent of all major commercial building types within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(iii) to include third-party audits of random data samplings to ensure the quality and accuracy of survey information.

(B) RESIDENTIAL DATABASES- The Administrator, in consultation with the Energy Information Administration and the Secretary of Energy, shall support improvements to the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS) as authorized by section 205(k) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7135(k)), or such other residential energy performance databases as the Administrator considers appropriate, to aid the development of

achieved performance measurement protocols for residential building energy use for at least 90 percent of the residential market within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) CONSULTATION- The Secretary of Energy and the Administrator shall consult with public, private, and nonprofit sector representatives from the building industry and real estate industry to assist in the evaluation and improvement of building energy performance databases and labeling programs.

(d) Identification of Measurement Protocols for Achieved Performance-

(1) PROPOSED PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS- At the earliest practicable date, but not later than 1 year after identifying a building type under subsection (b)(1)(A), the Administrator shall propose a measurement protocol for that building type and a requirement detailing how to use that protocol in completing applicable commercial or residential performance labels created pursuant to this section.

(2) FINAL RULE- After providing for notice and comment, the Administrator shall publish a final rule containing a measurement protocol and the corresponding requirements for applying that protocol. Such a rule--

(A) shall define the minimum period for measurement of energy use by buildings of that type and other details for determining achieved performance, to include leased buildings or parts thereof;

(B) shall identify necessary data collection and record retention requirements; and

(C) may specify transition rules and exemptions for classes of buildings within the building type.

(e) Procedures for Evaluating Designed Performance- The Administrator shall develop protocols for evaluating the designed performance of

individual building types. The Administrator may conduct such feasibility studies and demonstration projects as are necessary to evaluate the sufficiency of proposed protocols for designed performance.

(f) Creation of Building Energy Performance Labeling Program-

(1) MODEL LABEL- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall propose a model building energy label that provides a format--

(A) to display achieved performance and designed performance data;

(B) that may be tailored for residential and commercial buildings, and for single-occupancy and multitenanted buildings; and

(C) to display other appropriate elements identified during the development of measurement protocols under subsections (d) and (e).

(2) INCLUSIONS- Nothing in this section shall require the inclusion on such a label of designed performance data where impracticable or not cost effective, or to preclude the display of both achieved performance and designed performance data for a particular building where both such measures are available, practicable, and cost effective.

(3) EXISTING PROGRAMS- In developing the model label, the Administrator shall consider existing programs, including--

(A) the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Portfolio Manager program and the California HERS II Program Custom Approach for the achieved performance component of the label;

(B) the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) Index system for the designed performance component of the label; and

(C) other Federal and State programs, including the Department of

Energy's related programs on building technologies and those of the Federal Energy Management Program.

(4) FINAL RULE- After providing for notice and comment, the Administrator shall publish a final rule containing the label applicable to covered building types.

(g) Demonstration Projects for Labeling Program-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall conduct building energy performance labeling demonstration projects for different building types--

(A) to ensure the sufficiency of the current Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey and other data to serve as the basis for new measurement protocols for the achieved performance component of the building energy performance labeling program;

(B) to inform the development of measurement protocols for building types not currently covered by the Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey; and

(C) to identify any additional information that needs to be developed to ensure effective use of the model label.

(2) PARTICIPATION- Such demonstration projects shall include participation of--

(A) buildings from diverse geographical and climate regions;

(B) buildings in both urban and rural areas;

(C) single-family residential buildings;

(D) multihousing residential buildings with more than 50 units, including at least one project that provides affordable housing to individuals of diverse incomes;

(E) single-occupant commercial buildings larger than 30,000 square feet;

(F) multitenanted commercial buildings larger than 50,000 square feet; and

(G) buildings from both the public and private sectors.

(3) **PRIORITY-** Priority in the selection of demonstration projects shall be given to projects that facilitate large-scale implementation of the labeling program for samples of buildings across neighborhoods, geographic regions, cities, or States.

(4) **FINDINGS-** The Administrator shall report any findings from demonstration projects under this subsection, including an identification of any areas of needed data improvement, to the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration and Building Technologies Program.

(5) **COORDINATION-** The Administrator and the Secretary of Energy shall coordinate demonstration projects undertaken pursuant to this subsection with those undertaken as part of the Zero-Net-Energy Commercial Buildings Initiative adopted under section 422 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082).

(h) **Implementation of Labeling Program-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall work with all State Energy Offices established pursuant to part D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.) or other State authorities as necessary for the purpose of implementing the labeling program established under this section for commercial and residential buildings.

(2) **OUTREACH TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES-** The Administrator shall, acting in consultation and coordination with the respective States, encourage use of the labeling program by counties and other localities to

broaden access to information about building energy use, for example, through disclosure of building label contents in tax, title, and other records those localities maintain. For this purpose, the Administrator shall develop an electronic version of the label and information that can be readily transmitted and read in widely-available computer programs but is protected from unauthorized manipulation.

(3) MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION- In adopting the model labeling program established under this section, a State shall seek to ensure that labeled information be made accessible to the public in a manner so that owners, lenders, tenants, occupants, or other relevant parties can utilize it. Such accessibility may be accomplished through--

(A) preparation, and public disclosure of the label through filing with tax and title records at the time of--

(i) a building audit conducted with support from Federal or State funds;

(ii) a building energy-efficiency retrofit conducted in response to such an audit;

(iii) a final inspection of major renovations or additions made to a building in accordance with a building permit issued by a local government entity;

(iv) a sale that is recorded for title and tax purposes consistent with paragraph (8);

(v) a new lien recorded on the property for more than a set percentage of the assessed value of the property, if that lien reflects public financial assistance for energy-related improvements to that building; or

(vi) a change in ownership or operation of the building for purposes of utility billing; or

(B) other appropriate means.

(4) STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM-

(A) ELIGIBILITY- A State may become eligible to utilize allowance value to implement this program by--

(i) adopting by statute or regulation a requirement that buildings be assessed and labeled, consistent with the labeling requirements of the program established under this section; or

(ii) adopting a plan to implement a model labeling program consistent with this section within 1 year of enactment of this Act, including the establishment of that program within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and demonstrating continuous progress under that plan.

(B) USE OF ALLOWANCES- Direct Federal support for the program established in this section is provided through the emission allowances allocated to the States' SEED Accounts pursuant to section 132 of this Act. To the extent that a State provides allowances to local governments within the State to implement this program, that shall be deemed a distribution of such allowances to units of local government pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of that section.

(5) GUIDANCE- The Administrator may create or identify model programs and resources to provide guidance to offer to States and localities for creating labeling programs consistent with the model program established under this section.

(6) PROGRESS REPORT- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall provide a progress report to Congress not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act that--

(A) evaluates the effectiveness of efforts to advance use of the model labeling program by States and localities;

(B) recommends any legislative changes necessary to broaden the use of the model labeling program; and

(C) identifies any changes to broaden the use of the model labeling program that the Administrator has made or intends to make that do not require additional legislative authority.

(7) STATE INFORMATION- The Administrator may require States to report to the Administrator information that the Administrator requires to provide the report required under paragraph (6).

(8) PREVENTION OF DISRUPTION OF SALES TRANSACTIONS- No State shall implement a new labeling program pursuant to this section in a manner that requires the labeling of a building to occur after a contract has been executed for the sale of that building and before the sales transaction is completed.

(i) Implementation of Labeling Program in Federal Buildings-

(1) USE OF LABELING PROGRAM- The Secretary of Energy and the Administrator shall use the labeling program established under this section to evaluate energy performance in the facilities of the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, respectively, to the extent practicable, and shall encourage and support implementation efforts in other Federal agencies.

(2) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT- The Secretary of Energy and Administrator shall provide an annual progress report to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget detailing efforts to implement this subsection, as well as any best practices or needed resources identified as a result of such efforts.

(j) Public Outreach- The Secretary of Energy and the Administrator, in consultation with nonprofit and industry stakeholders with specialized expertise, and in conjunction with other energy efficiency public awareness efforts, shall establish a business and consumer education program to increase awareness about the importance of building energy efficiency and to

facilitate widespread use of the labeling program established under this section.

(k) Definitions- In this section:

- (1) BUILDING TYPE- The term ‘building type’ means a grouping of buildings as identified by their principal building activities, or as grouped by their use, including office buildings, laboratories, libraries, data centers, retail establishments, hotels, warehouses, and educational buildings.
- (2) MEASUREMENT PROTOCOL- The term ‘measurement protocol’ means the methodology, prescribed by the Administrator, for defining a benchmark for building energy performance for a specific building type and for measuring that performance against the benchmark.
- (3) ACHIEVED PERFORMANCE- The term ‘achieved performance’ means the actual energy consumption of a building as compared to a baseline building of the same type and size, determined by actual consumption data normalized for appropriate variables.
- (4) DESIGNED PERFORMANCE- The term ‘designed performance’ means the energy consumption performance a building would achieve if operated consistent with its design intent for building energy use, utilizing a standardized set of operational conditions informed by data collected or confirmed during an energy audit.

(l) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated--

- (1) to the Administrator \$50,000,000 for implementation of this section for each fiscal year from 2010 through 2020; and
- (2) to the Secretary of Energy \$20,000,000 for implementation of this section for fiscal year 2010 and \$10,000,000 for fiscal years 2011 through 2020.

(m) New Construction- This section shall apply only to construction beginning after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 205. TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS.

(a) Findings- The Congress finds that--

- (1) the utility sector is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States today, producing approximately one-third of the country's emissions;
- (2) heating and cooling homes accounts for nearly 60 percent of residential electricity usage in the United States;
- (3) shade trees planted in strategic locations can reduce residential cooling costs by as much as 30 percent;
- (4) shade trees have significant clean-air benefits associated with them;
- (5) every 100 healthy large trees removes about 300 pounds of air pollution (including particulate matter and ozone) and about 15 tons of carbon dioxide from the air each year;
- (6) tree cover on private property and on newly-developed land has declined since the 1970s, even while emissions from transportation and industry have been rising; and
- (7) in over a dozen test cities across the United States, increasing urban tree cover has generated between two and five dollars in savings for every dollar invested in such tree planting.

(b) Definitions- As used in this section:

- (1) The term 'Secretary' refers to the Secretary of Energy.
- (2) The term 'retail power provider' means any entity authorized under applicable State or Federal law to generate, distribute, or provide retail

electricity, natural gas, or fuel oil service.

(3) The term ‘tree-planting organization’ means any nonprofit or not-for-profit group which exists, in whole or in part, to--

(A) expand urban and residential tree cover;

(B) distribute trees for planting;

(C) increase awareness of the environmental and energy-related benefits of trees;

(D) educate the public about proper tree planting, care, and maintenance strategies; or

(E) carry out any combination of the foregoing activities.

(4) The term ‘tree-siting guidelines’ means a comprehensive list of science-based measurements outlining the species and minimum distance required between trees planted pursuant to this section, in addition to the minimum required distance to be maintained between such trees and--

(A) building foundations;

(B) air conditioning units;

(C) driveways and walkways;

(D) property fences;

(E) preexisting utility infrastructure;

(F) septic systems;

(G) swimming pools; and

(H) other infrastructure as deemed appropriate.

(5) The terms ‘small office’, ‘small office buildings’, and ‘small office settings’ means nonresidential buildings or structures zoned for business purposes that are 20,000 square feet or less in total area.

(c) Purposes- The purpose of this section is to establish a grant program to assist retail power providers with the establishment and operation of targeted tree-planting programs in residential and small office settings, for the following purposes:

(1) Reducing the peak-load demand for electricity from residences and small office buildings during the summer months through direct shading of buildings provided by strategically planted trees.

(2) Reducing wintertime demand for energy from residences and small office buildings by blocking cold winds from reaching such structures, which lowers interior temperatures and drives heating demand.

(3) Protecting public health by removing harmful pollution from the air.

(4) Utilizing the natural photosynthetic and transpiration process of trees to lower ambient temperatures and absorb carbon dioxide, thus mitigating the effects of climate change.

(5) Lowering electric bills for residential and small office ratepayers by limiting electricity consumption without reducing benefits.

(6) Relieving financial and demand pressure on retail power providers that stems from large peak-load energy demand.

(7) Protecting water quality and public health by reducing stormwater runoff and keeping harmful pollutants from entering waterways.

(8) Ensuring that trees are planted in locations that limit the amount of public money needed to maintain public and electric infrastructure.

(d) General Authority-

(1) ASSISTANCE- The Secretary is authorized to provide financial,

technical, and related assistance to retail power providers to assist with the establishment of new, or continued operation of existing, targeted tree-planting programs for residences and small office buildings.

(2) PUBLIC RECOGNITION INITIATIVE- In carrying out the authority provided under this section, the Secretary shall also create a national public recognition initiative to encourage participation in tree-planting programs by retail power providers.

(3) ELIGIBILITY- Only those programs which utilize targeted, strategic tree-siting guidelines to plant trees in relation to building location, sunlight, and prevailing wind direction shall be eligible for assistance under this section.

(4) REQUIREMENTS- In order to qualify for assistance under this section, a tree-planting program shall meet each of the following requirements:

(A) The program shall provide free or discounted shade-providing or wind-reducing trees to residential and small office consumers interested in lowering their home energy costs.

(B) The program shall optimize the electricity-consumption reduction benefit of each tree by planting in strategic locations around a given residence or small office.

(C) The program shall either--

(i) provide maximum amounts of shade during summer intervals when residences and small offices are exposed to the most sun intensity; or

(ii) provide maximum amounts of wind protection during fall and winter intervals when residences and small offices are exposed to the most wind intensity.

(D) The program shall use the best available science to create tree

siting guidelines which dictate where the optimum tree species are best planted in locations that achieve maximum reductions in consumer energy demand while causing the least disruption to public infrastructure, considering overhead and underground facilities.

(E) The program shall receive certification from the Secretary that it is designed to achieve the goals set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (D). In designating criteria for such certification, the Secretary shall collaborate with the United States Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program to ensure that certification requirements are consistent with such above goals.

(5) NEW PROGRAM FUNDING SHARE- The Secretary shall ensure that no less than 30 percent of the funds made available under this section are distributed to retail power providers which--

(A) have not previously established or operated qualified tree-planting programs; or

(B) are operating qualified tree-planting programs which were established no more than 3 years prior to the date of enactment of this section.

(e) Agreements Between Electricity Providers and Tree-planting Organizations-

(1) GRANT AUTHORIZATION- In providing assistance under this section, the Secretary is authorized to award grants only to retail power providers that have entered into binding legal agreements with nonprofit tree-planting organizations.

(2) CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT- Those agreements between retail power providers and tree-planting organizations shall set forth conditions under which nonprofit tree-planting organizations shall provide targeted tree-planting programs which may require these organizations to--

(A) participate in local technical advisory committees responsible for drafting general tree-siting guidelines and choosing the most effective species of trees to plant in given locations;

(B) coordinate volunteer recruitment to assist with the physical act of planting trees in residential locations;

(C) undertake public awareness campaigns to educate local residents about the benefits, cost savings, and availability of free shade trees;

(D) establish education and information campaigns to encourage recipients to maintain their shade trees over the long term;

(E) serve as the point of contact for existing and potential residential participants who have questions or concerns regarding the tree-planting program;

(F) require tree recipients to sign agreements committing to voluntary stewardship and care of provided trees;

(G) monitor and report on the survival, growth, overall health, and estimated energy savings of provided trees up until the end of their establishment period which shall be no less than 5 years; and

(H) ensure that trees planted near existing power lines will not interfere with energized electricity distribution lines when mature, and that no new trees will be planted under or adjacent to high-voltage electric transmission lines without prior consultation with the applicable retail power provider receiving assistance under this section.

(3) **LACK OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**- If qualified nonprofit or not-for-profit tree planting organizations do not exist or operate within areas served by retail power providers applying for assistance under this section, the requirements of this section shall apply to binding legal agreements entered into by such retail power providers and one of

the following entities:

- (A) Local municipal governments with jurisdiction over the urban or suburban forest.
- (B) The State Forester for the State in which the tree planting program will operate.
- (C) The United States Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry representative for the State in which the tree-planting program will operate.
- (D) A landscaping services company that is--
 - (i) identified in consultation with a national or State nonprofit or not-for-profit tree-planting organization;
 - (ii) licensed to operate in the State in which the tree-planting program will operate; and
 - (iii) a business as defined by the United States Census Bureau's 2007 North American Industry Classification System Code 561730.

(f) Technical Advisory Committees-

(1) DESCRIPTION- In order to qualify for assistance under this section, the retail power provider shall establish and consult with a local technical advisory committee which shall provide advice and consultation to the program, and may--

- (A) design and adopt an approved plant list that emphasizes the use of hardy, noninvasive tree species and, where geographically appropriate, the use of native, or site-adapted, or low water-use shade trees;
- (B) design and adopt planting, installation, and maintenance specifications and create a process for inspection and quality

control;

(C) ensure that tree recipients are educated to care for and maintain their trees over the long term;

(D) help the public become more engaged and educated in the planting and care of shade trees;

(E) prioritize which sites receive trees, giving preference to locations with the most potential for energy conservation and secondary preference to areas where the average annual income is below the regional median; and

(F) assist with monitoring and collection of data on tree health, tree survival, and energy conservation benefits generated under this section.

(2) **COMPENSATION**- Individuals serving on local technical advisory committees shall not receive compensation for their service.

(3) **COMPOSITION**- Local technical advisory committees shall be composed of representatives from public, private, and nongovernmental agencies with expertise in demand-side energy efficiency management, urban forestry, or arboriculture, and shall be composed of the following:

(A) Up to 4 persons, but no less than one person, representing the retail power provider receiving assistance under this section.

(B) Up to 4 persons, but no less than one person, representing the local tree-planting organization which will partner with the retail power provider to carry out this section.

(C) Up to 3 persons representing local nonprofit conservation or environmental organizations. Preference shall be given to those entities which are organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and which have demonstrated expertise engaging the public in energy conservation, energy efficiency, or

green building practices or a combination thereof, such that no single organization is represented by more than one individual under this paragraph.

(D) Up to 2 persons representing a local affordable housing agency, affordable housing builder, or community development corporation.

(E) Up to 3, but no less than one, persons representing local city or county government for each municipality where a shade tree-planting program will take place; at least one of these representatives shall be the city or county forester, city or county arborist, or functional equivalent.

(F) Up to one person representing the local government agency responsible for management of roads, sewers, and infrastructure, including but not limited to public works departments, transportation agencies, or equivalents.

(G) Up to 3 persons representing the nursery and landscaping industry.

(H) Up to 3 persons representing the research community or academia with expertise in natural resources or energy management issues.

(4) **CHAIRPERSON**- Each local technical advisory committee shall elect a chairperson to preside over Committee meetings, act as a liaison to governmental and other outside entities, and direct the general operation of the committee; only committee representatives from paragraph (3)(A) or paragraph (3)(B) of this subsection shall be eligible to act as local technical advisory committee chairpersons.

(5) **CREDENTIALS**- At least one of the members of each local technical advisory committee shall be certified with one or more of the following credentials: International Society of Arboriculture; Certified Arborist, ISA; Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, ISA; Certified Arborist Utility Specialist, ISA; Board Certified Master Arborist; or

Registered Landscape Architect recommended by the American Society of Landscape Architects.

(g) Cost-share Program-

(1) FEDERAL SHARE- The Federal share of support for projects funded under this section shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of such project and shall be provided on a matching basis.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE- The non-Federal share of such costs may be paid or contributed by any governmental or nongovernmental entity other than from funds derived directly or indirectly from an agency or instrumentality of the United States.

(h) Rulemaking-

(1) RULEMAKING PERIOD- The Secretary shall be authorized to solicit comments and initiate a rulemaking period that shall last no more than 6 months after the date of enactment of this section.

(2) COMPETITIVE GRANT RULE- At the conclusion of the rulemaking period under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall promulgate a rule governing a public, competitive grants process through which retail power providers may apply for Federal support under this section.

(i) Nonduplication- Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede, duplicate, cancel, or negate the programs or authorities provided under section 9 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 369; Public Law 95-313; 16 U.S.C. 2105).

(j) Authorization of Appropriations- There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the implementation of this section.

SEC. 206. ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR DATA CENTER BUILDINGS.

Section 453(c)(1) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17112(c)(1)) is amended by inserting ‘but not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act’ after ‘described in subsection (b)’.

SEC. 207. COMMUNITY BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION GRANTS.

(a) Grant Program Authorized-

(1) **GRANT AUTHORIZATION-** The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall to the extent amounts are made available for grants under this section provide grants to local building code enforcement departments.

(2) **COMPETITIVE AWARDS-** The Secretary shall award grants under paragraph (1) on a competitive basis taking into consideration the following:

(A) The financial need of each building code enforcement department.

(B) The benefit to the jurisdiction of having an adequately funded building code enforcement department.

(C) The demonstrated ability of each building code enforcement department to work cooperatively with other local code enforcement offices, health departments, and local prosecutorial agencies.

(3) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT-** The maximum amount of any grant awarded under this subsection shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

(4) **COORDINATION-** The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall coordinate with the Secretary of Energy to ensure that any unnecessarily duplicative funding through grants under this section of activities otherwise funded through the Department of Energy is minimized or eliminated.

(b) Required Elements in Grant Proposals- In order to be eligible for a grant under subsection (a), a building code enforcement department of a jurisdiction shall submit to the Secretary the following:

- (1) A demonstration of the jurisdiction's needs in executing building code enforcement administration.
- (2) A plan for the use of any funds received from a grant under this section that addresses the needs discussed in paragraph (1) and that is consistent with the authorized uses established in subsection (c).
- (3) A plan for local governmental actions to be taken to establish and sustain local building code enforcement administration functions, without continuing Federal support, at a level at least equivalent to that proposed in the grant application.
- (4) A plan to create and maintain a program of public outreach that includes a regularly updated and readily accessible means of public communication, interaction, and reporting regarding the services and work of the building code enforcement department to be supported by the grant.
- (5) A plan for ensuring the timely and effective administrative enforcement of building safety and fire prevention violations.

(c) Use of Funds; Matching Funds-

- (1) **AUTHORIZED USES-** Amounts from grants awarded under subsection (a) may be used by the grant recipient to supplement existing State or local funding for administration of building code enforcement, or to supplement allowance value received pursuant to this Act for implementation and enforcement of energy efficiency building codes. Such amounts may be used to increase staffing, provide staff training, increase staff competence and professional qualifications, or support individual certification or departmental accreditation, or for capital expenditures specifically dedicated to the administration of the building code enforcement department.

(2) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT-** Each building code enforcement department receiving a grant under subsection (a) shall empanel a code administration and enforcement team consisting of at least 1 full-time building code enforcement officer, a city planner, and a health planner or similar officer.

(3) **MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a building code enforcement department shall provide matching, non-Federal funds in the following amount:

(i) In the case of a building code enforcement department serving an area with a population of more than 50,000, an amount equal to not less than 50 percent of the total amount of any grant to be awarded under this section.

(ii) In the case of a building code enforcement department serving an area with a population of between 20,001 and 50,000, an amount equal to not less than 25 percent of the total amount of any grant to be awarded under this section.

(iii) In the case of a building code enforcement department serving an area with a population of less than 20,000, an amount equal to not less than 12.5 percent of the total amount of any grant to be awarded under this section.

(B) **ECONOMIC DISTRESS-**

(i) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary may waive the matching fund requirements under subparagraph (A), and institute, by regulation, new matching fund requirements based upon the level of economic distress of the jurisdiction in which the local building code enforcement department seeking such grant is located.

(ii) **CONTENT OF REGULATIONS-** Any regulations

instituted under clause (i) shall include--

(I) a method that allows for a comparison of the degree of economic distress among the local jurisdictions of grant applicants, as measured by the differences in the extent of growth lag, the extent of poverty, and the adjusted age of housing in such jurisdiction; and

(II) any other factor determined to be relevant by the Secretary in assessing the comparative degree of economic distress among such jurisdictions.

(4) **IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS-** In determining the non-Federal share required to be provided under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall consider in-kind contributions, not to exceed 50 percent of the amount that the department contributes in non-Federal funds.

(5) **WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENT-** The Secretary shall waive the matching fund requirements under paragraph (3) for any recipient jurisdiction that has dedicated all building code permitting fees to the conduct of local building code enforcement.

(d) **Evaluation and Report-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** Grant recipients under this section shall--

(A) be obligated to fully account and report for the use of all grants funds; and

(B) provide a report to the Secretary on the effectiveness of the program undertaken by the grantee and any other criteria requested by the Secretary for the purpose of indicating the effectiveness of, and ideas for, refinement of the grant program.

(2) **REPORT-** The report required under paragraph (1)(B) shall include a discussion of--

(A) the specific capabilities and functions in local building code enforcement administration that were addressed using funds received under this section;

(B) the lessons learned in carrying out the plans supported by the grant; and

(C) the manner in which the programs supported by the grant are to be maintained by the grantee.

(3) CONTENT OF REPORTS- The Secretary shall--

(A) require each recipient of a grant under this section to file interim and final reports under paragraph (2) to ensure that grant funds are being used as intended and to measure the effectiveness and benefits of the grant program; and

(B) develop and maintain a means whereby the public can access such reports, at no cost, via the Internet.

(e) Definitions- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT- The term 'building code enforcement' means the enforcement of any code, adopted by a State or local government, that regulates the construction of buildings and facilities to mitigate hazards to life or property. Such term includes building codes, electrical codes, energy codes, fire codes, fuel gas codes, mechanical codes, and plumbing codes.

(2) BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT- The term 'building code enforcement department' means an inspection or enforcement agency of a jurisdiction that is responsible for conducting building code enforcement.

(3) JURISDICTION- The term 'jurisdiction' means a city, county, parish, city and county authority, or city and parish authority having

local authority to enforce building codes and regulations and to collect fees for building permits.

(4) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(f) Authorization of Appropriations-

(1) IN GENERAL- There are authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2) RESERVATION- From the amount made available under paragraph (1), the Secretary may reserve not more than 5 percent for administrative costs.

(3) AVAILABILITY- Any funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 208. SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(n) Requirements for Building Permits Regarding Solar Energy Systems-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A grant under section 106 for a fiscal year may be made only if the grantee certifies to the Secretary that--

‘(A) in the case of a grant under section 106(a) for any Indian tribe or insular area, during such fiscal year the cost of any permit or license, for construction or installation of any solar energy system for any structure, that is required

by the tribe or insular area or by any other unit of general local government or other political subdivision of such tribe or insular area, complies with paragraph (2);

‘(B) in the case of a grant under section 106(b) for any metropolitan city or urban county, during such fiscal year the cost of any permit or license, for construction or installation of any solar energy system for any structure, that is required by the metropolitan city or urban county, or by any other political subdivision of such city or county, complies with paragraph (2); and

‘(C) in the case of a grant under section 106(d) for any State, during such fiscal year the cost of any permit or license, for construction or installation of any solar energy system for any structure, that is required by the State, or by any other unit of general local government within any nonentitlement area of such State, or other political subdivision within any nonentitlement area of such State or such a unit of general local government, complies with paragraph (2).

‘(2) LIMITATION ON COST- The cost of permit or license for construction or installation of any solar energy system complies with this paragraph only if such cost does not exceed the following amount:

‘(A) RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES- In the case of a structure primarily for residential use, \$500.

‘(B) NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES- In the case of a structure primarily for nonresidential use, 1.0 percent of the total cost of the installation or construction of the solar energy system, but not in excess of \$10,000.

‘(3) NONCOMPLIANCE- If the Secretary determines that a grantee of a grant made under section 106 is not in compliance

with a certification under paragraph (1)--

‘(A) the Secretary shall notify the grantee of such determination; and

‘(B) if the grantee has not corrected such noncompliance before the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon notification under subparagraph (A), such grantee shall not be eligible for 5 percent of any amounts awarded under a grant under section 106 for the first fiscal year that commences after the expiration of such 6-month period.

‘(4) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM- For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘solar energy system’ means, with respect to a structure, equipment that uses solar energy to generate electricity for, or to heat or cool (or provide hot water for use in), such structure.’.

SEC. 209. PROHIBITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM.

(a) Regulations- Within 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall issue regulations--

(1) to prohibit any private covenant, contract provision, lease provision, homeowners’ association rule or bylaw, or similar restriction, that impairs the ability of the owner or lessee of any residential structure designed for occupancy by 1 family to install, construct, maintain, or use a solar energy system on such residential property; and

(2) to require that whenever any such covenant, provision, rule or bylaw, or restriction requires approval for the installation or use of a solar energy system, the application for approval shall be processed and approved by the appropriate approving entity in the same manner as an

application for approval of an architectural modification to the property, and shall not be willfully avoided or delayed.

(b) Contents- The regulations required under subsection (a) shall provide that--

(1) such a covenant, provision, rule or bylaw, or restriction impairs the installation, construction, maintenance, or use of a solar energy system if it--

(A) unreasonably delays or prevents installation, maintenance, or use;

(B) unreasonably increases the cost of installation, maintenance, or use; or

(C) precludes use of such a system; and

(2) any fee or cost imposed on the owner or lessee of such a residential structure by such a covenant, provision, rule or bylaw, or restriction shall be considered unreasonable if--

(A) such fee or cost is not reasonable in comparison to the cost of the solar energy system or the value of its use; or

(B) treatment of solar energy systems by the covenant, provision, rule or bylaw, or restriction is not reasonable in comparison with treatment of comparable systems by the same covenant, provision, rule or bylaw, or restriction.

(c) Solar Energy System- For purposes of this section, the term 'solar energy system' means, with respect to a structure, equipment that uses solar energy to generate electricity for, or to heat or cool (or provide hot water for use in), such structure.

Subtitle B--Lighting and Appliance Energy Efficiency Programs

SEC. 211. LIGHTING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

(a) Outdoor Lighting-

(1) DEFINITIONS-

(A) Section 340(1) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6311(1)) is amended by striking subparagraph (L) and inserting the following:

‘(L) Outdoor luminaires.

‘(M) Outdoor high light output lamps.

‘(N) Any other type of industrial equipment which the Secretary classifies as covered equipment under section 341(b).’.

(B) Section 340 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6311) is amended as adding at the end the following:

‘(25) The term ‘luminaire’ means a complete lighting unit consisting of one or more light sources and ballast(s), together with parts designed to distribute the light, to position and protect such lamps, and to connect such light sources to the power supply.

‘(26) The term ‘outdoor luminaire’ means a luminaire that is listed as suitable for wet locations pursuant to Underwriters Laboratories Inc. standard UL 1598 and is labeled as ‘Suitable for Wet Locations’ consistent with section 410.4(A) of the National Electrical Code 2005, or is designed for roadway illumination and meets the requirements of Addendum A for IESNA TM-15-07: Backlight, Uplight, and Glare (BUG) Ratings, except for--

‘(A) luminaires designed for outdoor video display images

that cannot be used in general lighting applications;

‘(B) portable luminaires designed for use at construction sites;

‘(C) luminaires designed for continuous immersion in swimming pools and other water features;

‘(D) seasonal luminaires incorporating solely individual lamps rated at 10 watts or less;

‘(E) luminaires designed to be used in emergency conditions that incorporate a means of charging a battery and a device to switch the power supply to emergency lighting loads automatically upon failure of the normal power supply;

‘(F) components used for repair of installed luminaries and that meet the requirements of section 342(h);

‘(G) a luminaire utilizing an electrode-less fluorescent lamp as the light source;

‘(H) decorative gas lighting systems;

‘(I) luminaires designed explicitly for lighting for theatrical purposes, including performance, stage, film production, and video production;

‘(J) luminaires designed as theme elements in theme/amusement parks and that cannot be used in most general lighting applications;

‘(K) luminaires designed explicitly for vehicular roadway tunnels designed to comply with ANSI/IESNA RP-22-05;

‘(L) luminaires designed explicitly for hazardous locations meeting UL Standard 844;

‘(M) searchlights;

‘(N) luminaires that are designed to be recessed into a building, and that cannot be used in most general lighting applications;

‘(O) a luminaire rated only for residential applications utilizing a light source or sources regulated under the amendments made by section 321 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and with a light output no greater than 2,600 lumens;

‘(P) a residential pole-mounted luminaire that is not rated for commercial use utilizing a light source or sources meeting the efficiency requirements of section 231 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and mounted on a post or pole not taller than 10.5 feet above ground and with a light output not greater than 2,600 lumens;

‘(Q) a residential fixture with E12 (Candelabra) bases that is rated for not more than 300 watts total; or

‘(R) a residential fixture with medium screw bases that is rated for not more than 145 watts.

‘(27) The term ‘outdoor high light outputlamp’ means a lamp that--

‘(A) has a rated lumen output not less than 2601 lumens;

‘(B) is capable of being operated at a voltage not less than 110 volts and not greater than 300 volts, or driven at a constant current of 6.6 amperes;

‘(C) is not a Parabolic Aluminized Reflector lamp; and

‘(D) is not a J-type double-ended (T-3) halogen quartz lamp, utilizing R-7S bases, that is manufactured before January 1, 2015.

‘(28) The term ‘outdoor lighting control’ means a device incorporated in a luminaire that receives a signal, from either a sensor (such as an occupancy sensor, motion sensor, or daylight sensor) or an input signal (including analog or digital signals communicated through wired or wireless technology), and can adjust the light level according to the signal.’.

(2) STANDARDS- Section 342 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6313) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(g) Outdoor Luminaires-

‘(1) Each outdoor luminaire manufactured on or after January 1, 2016, shall--

‘(A) have an initial luminaire efficacy of at least 50 lumens per watt; and

‘(B) be designed to use a light source with a lumen maintenance, calculated as mean rated lumens divided by initial lumens, of at least 0.6.

‘(2) Each outdoor luminaire manufactured on or after January 1, 2018, shall--

‘(A) have an initial luminaire efficacy of at least 70 lumens per watt; and

‘(B) be designed to use a light source with a lumen maintenance, calculated as mean rated lumens divided by initial lumens, of at least 0.6.

‘(3) In addition to the requirements of paragraphs (1) through

(3), each outdoor luminaire manufactured on or after January 1, 2016, shall have the capability of producing at least two different light levels, including 100 percent and 60 percent of full lamp output as tested with the maximum rated lamp per UL1598 or the manufacturer's maximum specified for the luminaire under test. Outdoor luminaries used for roadway lighting applications shall be exempt the 2 light level requirement.

‘(4)(A) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Secretary shall issue a final rule amending the applicable standards established in paragraph (3) if technologically feasible and economically justified.

‘(B) A final rule issued under subparagraph (A) shall establish efficiency standards at the maximum level that is technically feasible and economically justified, as provided in subsections (o) and (p) of section 325. The Secretary may also, in such rulemaking, amend or discontinue the product exclusions listed in section 340(26)(A) through (P), or amend the lumen maintenance requirements in paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines that such amendments are consistent with the purposes of this Act.

‘(C) If the Secretary issues a final rule under subparagraph (A) establishing amended standards, the final rule shall provide that the amended standards apply to products manufactured on or after January 1, 2025, or 1 year after the date on which the final amended standard is published, whichever is later.

‘(h) Outdoor High Light Output Lamps- Each outdoor high light output lamp manufactured on or after January 1, 2017, shall have a lighting efficiency of at least 45 lumens per watt.’.

(3) TEST PROCEDURES- Section 343(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(10) OUTDOOR LIGHTING-

‘(A) With respect to outdoor luminaires and outdoor high light output lamps, the test procedures shall be based upon the test procedures specified in illuminating engineering society procedures LM-79 as of March 1, 2009, and LM-31, and/or other appropriate consensus test procedures developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society or other appropriate consensus standards bodies.

‘(B) If illuminating engineering society procedure LM-79 is amended, the Secretary shall amend the test procedures established in subparagraph (A) as necessary to be consistent with the amended LM-79 test procedure, unless the Secretary determines, by rule, published in the Federal Register and supported by clear and convincing evidence, that to do so would not meet the requirements for test procedures under paragraph (2).

‘(C) The Secretary may revise the test procedures for outdoor luminaires or outdoor high light output lamps by rule consistent with paragraph (2), and may incorporate as appropriate consensus test procedures developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society or other appropriate consensus standards bodies.’.

(4) PREEMPTION- Section 345 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6316) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(i)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), section 327 shall apply to outdoor luminaires to the same extent and in the same manner as the section applies under part B.

‘(2) Any State standard that is adopted on or before January 1, 2015, pursuant to a statutory requirement to adopt efficiency standards for reducing outdoor lighting energy use enacted prior to January 31, 2008, shall not be preempted.’.

(5) ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN

LUMINAIRES- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall, in consultation with the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, collect data for United States sales of luminaires described in section 340(26)(H) and (M) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, to determine the historical growth rate. If the Secretary finds that the growth in market share of such luminaires exceeds twice the year-to-year rate of the average of the previous 3 years, then the Secretary shall within 12 months initiate a rulemaking to determine if such exclusion should be eliminated, if substitute products exist that perform more efficiently and fulfill the performance functions of these luminaires.

(b) Portable Lighting-

(1) PORTABLE LIGHT FIXTURES-

(A) DEFINITIONS- Section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(67) ART WORK LIGHT FIXTURE- The term ‘art work light fixture’ means a light fixture designed only to be mounted directly to an art work and for the purpose of illuminating that art work.

‘(68) LED LIGHT ENGINE- The term ‘LED light engine’ or ‘LED light engine with integral heat sink’ means a subsystem of an LED light fixture that--

‘(A) includes 1 or more LED components, including--

‘(i) an LED driver power source with electrical and mechanical interfaces; and

‘(ii) an integral heat sink to provide thermal dissipation; and

‘(B) may be designed to accept additional components that provide aesthetic, optical, and environmental control.

‘(69) LED LIGHT FIXTURE- The term ‘LED light fixture’ means a complete lighting unit consisting of--

‘(A) an LED light source with 1 or more LED lamps or LED light engines; and

‘(B) parts--

‘(i) to distribute the light;

‘(ii) to position and protect the light source; and

‘(iii) to connect the light source to electrical power.

‘(70) LIGHT FIXTURE- The term ‘light fixture’ means a product designed to provide light that includes--

‘(A) at least 1 lamp socket; and

‘(B) parts--

‘(i) to distribute the light;

‘(ii) position and protect 1 or more lamps; and

‘(iii) to connect 1 or more lamps to a power supply.

‘(71) PORTABLE LIGHT FIXTURE-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘portable light fixture’ means a light fixture that has a flexible cord and an attachment plug for connection to a nominal 120-volt circuit that--

‘(i) allows the user to relocate the product without any

rewiring; and

‘(ii) typically can be controlled with a switch located on the product or the power cord of the product.

‘(B) EXCLUSIONS- The term ‘portable light fixture’ does not include--

‘(i) direct plug-in night lights, sun or heat lamps, medical or dental lights, portable electric hand lamps, signs or commercial advertising displays, photographic lamps, germicidal lamps, or light fixtures for marine use or for use in hazardous locations (as those terms are defined in ANSI/NFPA 70 of the National Electrical Code); or

‘(ii) decorative lighting strings, decorative lighting outfits, or electric candles or candelabra without lamp shades that are covered by Underwriter Laboratories (UL) standard 588, ‘Seasonal and Holiday Decorative Products’.’.

(B) COVERAGE-

(i) IN GENERAL- Section 322(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6292(a)) is amended--

(I) by redesignating paragraph (20) as paragraph (24); and

(II) by inserting after paragraph (19) the following:

‘(20) Portable light fixtures.’.

(ii) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS- Section 325(l) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(l)) is

amended by striking ‘paragraph (19)’ each place it appears in paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting ‘paragraph (24)’.

(C) TEST PROCEDURES- Section 323(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(19) LED FIXTURES AND LED LIGHT ENGINES- Test procedures for LED fixtures and LED light engines shall be based on Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) test procedure LM-79, Approved Method for Electrical and Photometric Testing of Solid-State Lighting Devices, and IESNA-approved test procedure for testing LED light engines.’.

(D) STANDARDS- Section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295) is amended--

(i) by redesignating subsection (ii) as subsection (oo);

(ii) in subsection (oo)(2), as redesignated in clause (i) of this subparagraph, by striking ‘(hh)’ each place it appears and inserting ‘(mm)’; and

(iii) by inserting after subsection (hh) the following:

‘(ii) Portable Light Fixtures-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), portable light fixtures manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, shall meet 1 or more of the following requirements:

‘(A) Be a fluorescent light fixture that meets the requirements of the Energy Star Program for Residential Light Fixtures, Version 4.2.

‘(B) Be equipped with only 1 or more GU-24 line-voltage

sockets, not be rated for use with incandescent lamps of any type (as defined in ANSI standards), and meet the requirements of version 4.2 of the Energy Star program for residential light fixtures.

‘(C) Be an LED light fixture or a light fixture with an LED light engine and comply with the following minimum requirements:

‘(i) Minimum light output: 200 lumens (initial).

‘(ii) Minimum LED light engine efficacy: 40 lumens/watt installed in fixtures that meet the minimum light fixture efficacy of 29 lumens/watt or, alternatively, a minimum LED light engine efficacy of 60 lumens/watt for fixtures that do not meet the minimum light fixture efficacy of 29 lumens/watt.

‘(iii) All portable fixtures shall have a minimum LED light fixture efficacy of 29 lumens/watt and a minimum LED light engine efficacy of 60 lumens/watt by January 1, 2016.

‘(iv) Color Correlated Temperature (CCT): 2700K through 4000K.

‘(v) Minimum Color Rendering Index (CRI): 75.

‘(vi) Power factor equal to or greater than 0.70.

‘(vii) Portable luminaries that have internal power supplies shall have zero standby power when the luminaire is turned off.

‘(viii) LED light sources shall deliver at least 70 percent of initial lumens for at least 25,000 hours.

‘(D)(i) Be equipped with an ANSI-designated E12, E17, or E26 screw-based socket and be prepackaged and sold together with 1 screw-based compact fluorescent lamp or screw-based LED lamp for each screw-based socket on the portable light fixture.

‘(ii) The compact fluorescent or LED lamps prepackaged with the light fixture shall be fully compatible with any light fixture controls incorporated into the light fixture (for example, light fixtures with dimmers shall be packed with dimmable lamps).

‘(iii) Compact fluorescent lamps prepackaged with light fixtures shall meet the requirements of the Energy Star Program for CFLs Version 4.0.

‘(iv) Screw-based LED lamps shall comply with the minimum requirements described in subparagraph (C).

‘(E) Be equipped with 1 or more single-ended, non-screw based halogen lamp sockets (line or low voltage), a dimmer control or high-low control, and be rated for a maximum of 100 watts.

‘(2) REVIEW-

‘(A) REVIEW- The Secretary shall review the criteria and standards established under paragraph (1) to determine if revised standards are technologically feasible and economically justified.

‘(B) COMPONENTS- The review shall include consideration of--

‘(i) whether a separate compliance procedure is still needed for halogen fixtures described in subparagraph (E) and, if necessary, what an appropriate standard for

halogen fixtures shall be;

‘(ii) whether the specific technical criteria described in subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D)(iii) should be modified; and

‘(iii) which fixtures should be exempted from the light fixture efficacy standard as of January 1, 2016, because the fixtures are primarily decorative in nature (as defined by the Secretary) and, even if exempted, are likely to be sold in limited quantities.

‘(C) TIMING-

‘(i) DETERMINATION- Not later than January 1, 2014, the Secretary shall publish amended standards, or a determination that no amended standards are justified, under this subsection.

‘(ii) STANDARDS- Any standards under this paragraph shall take effect on January 1, 2016.

‘(3) ART WORK LIGHT FIXTURES- Art work light fixtures manufactured on or after January 1, 2012, shall--

‘(A) comply with paragraph (1); or

‘(B)(i) contain only ANSI-designated E12 screw-based line-voltage sockets;

‘(ii) have not more than 3 sockets;

‘(iii) be controlled with an integral high/low switch;

‘(iv) be rated for not more than 25 watts if fitted with 1 socket; and

‘(v) be rated for not more than 15 watts per socket if fitted

with 2 or 3 sockets.

‘(4) EXCEPTION FROM PREEMPTION- Notwithstanding section 327, Federal preemption shall not apply to a regulation concerning portable light fixtures adopted by the California Energy Commission on or before January 1, 2014.’.

(2) GU-24 BASE LAMPS-

(A) DEFINITIONS- Section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291) (as amended by paragraph (1)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(72) GU-24- The term ‘GU-24’ means the designation of a lamp socket, based on a coding system by the International Electrotechnical Commission, under which--

‘(A) ‘G’ indicates a holder and socket type with 2 or more projecting contacts, such as pins or posts;

‘(B) ‘U’ distinguishes between lamp and holder designs of similar type that are not interchangeable due to electrical or mechanical requirements; and

‘(C) 24 indicates the distance in millimeters between the electrical contact posts.

‘(73) GU-24 ADAPTOR-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘GU-24 Adaptor’ means a 1-piece device, pig-tail, wiring harness, or other such socket or base attachment that--

‘(i) connects to a GU-24 socket on 1 end and provides a different type of socket or connection on the other end; and

‘(ii) does not alter the voltage.

‘(B) EXCLUSION- The term ‘GU-24 Adaptor’ does not include a fluorescent ballast with a GU-24 base.

‘(74) GU-24 BASE LAMP- ‘GU-24 base lamp’ means a light bulb designed to fit in a GU-24 socket.’.

(B) STANDARDS- Section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295) (as amended by paragraph (1)(D)) is amended by inserting after subsection (ii) the following:

‘(jj) GU-24 Base Lamps-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A GU-24 base lamp shall not be an incandescent lamp as defined by ANSI.

‘(2) GU-24 ADAPTORS- GU-24 adaptors shall not adapt a GU-24 socket to any other line voltage socket.’.

(3) STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN INCANDESCENT REFLECTOR LAMPS- Section 325(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(i)), as amended by section 161(a)(12) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(9) CERTAIN INCANDESCENT REFLECTOR LAMPS-

(A) No later than 12 months after enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall publish a final rule establishing standards for incandescent reflector lamp types described in paragraph (1)(D). Such standards shall be effective on July 1, 2013.

‘(B) Any rulemaking for incandescent reflector lamps completed after enactment of this section shall consider standards for all incandescent reflector lamps, inclusive of those specified in paragraph (1)(C).

‘(10) REFLECTOR LAMPS- No later than January 1, 2015, the Secretary shall publish a final rule establishing and amending standards for reflector lamps, including incandescent reflector lamps. Such standards shall be effective no sooner than 3 years after publication of the final rule. Such rulemaking shall consider incandescent and nonincandescent technologies. Such rulemaking shall consider a new metric other than lumens-per-watt based on the photometric distribution of light from such lamps.’.

SEC. 212. OTHER APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

(a) Standards for Water Dispensers, Hot Food Holding Cabinets, and Portable Electric Spas-

(1) DEFINITIONS- Section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291), as amended by section 211 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(75) The term ‘water dispenser’ means a factory-made assembly that mechanically cools and heats potable water and that dispenses the cooled or heated water by integral or remote means.

‘(76) The term ‘bottle-type water dispenser’ means a drinking water dispenser designed for dispensing both hot and cold water that uses a removable bottle or container as the source of potable water.

‘(77) The term ‘commercial hot food holding cabinet’ means a heated, fully-enclosed compartment with one or more solid or glass doors that is designed to maintain the temperature of hot food that has been cooked in a separate appliance. Such term does not include heated glass merchandising cabinets, drawer warmers, commercial hot food holding cabinets with interior volumes of less than 8 cubic feet, or cook-and-hold appliances.

‘(78) The term ‘portable electric spa’ means a factory-built electric spa or hot tub, supplied with equipment for heating and circulating water.’.

(2) **COVERAGE-** Section 322(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6292(a)), as amended by section 211(b) (1)(B) of this Act, is further amended by inserting after paragraph (20) the following new paragraphs:

‘(21) Bottle type water dispensers.

‘(22) Commercial hot food holding cabinets.

‘(23) Portable electric spas.’.

(3) **TEST PROCEDURES-** Section 323(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)), as amended by section 211(b) (1)(C) of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(20) **BOTTLE TYPE WATER DISPENSERS-** Test procedures for bottle type water dispensers shall be based on ‘Energy Star Program Requirements for Bottled Water Coolers version 1.1’ published by the Environmental Protection Agency. Units with an integral, automatic timer shall not be tested using section 4D, ‘Timer Usage,’ of the test criteria.

‘(21) **COMMERCIAL HOT FOOD HOLDING CABINETS-** Test procedures for commercial hot food holding cabinets shall be based on the test procedures described in ANSI/ASTM F2140-01 (Test for idle energy rate-dry test). Interior volume shall be based on the method shown in the Environmental Protection Agency’s ‘Energy Star Program Requirements for Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets’ as in effect on August 15, 2003.

‘(22) **PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPAS-** Test procedures for

portable electric spas shall be based on the test method for portable electric spas contained in section 1604, title 20, California Code of Regulations as amended on December 3, 2008. When the American National Standards Institute publishes a test procedure for portable electric spas, the Secretary shall revise the Department of Energy's procedure.'.

(4) STANDARDS- Section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), as amended by section 211 of this Act, is further amended by adding after subsection (jj) the following:

‘(kk) Bottle Type Water Dispensers- Effective January 1, 2012, bottle-type water dispensers designed for dispensing both hot and cold water shall not have standby energy consumption greater than 1.2 kilowatt-hours per day.

‘(ll) Commercial Hot Food Holding Cabinets- Effective January 1, 2012, commercial hot food holding cabinets with interior volumes of 8 cubic feet or greater shall have a maximum idle energy rate of 40 watts per cubic foot of interior volume.

‘(mm) Portable Electric Spas- Effective January 1, 2012, portable electric spas shall not have a normalized standby power greater than $5(V^{2/3})$ Watts where V=the fill volume in gallons.

‘(nn) Revisions- The Secretary of Energy shall consider revisions to the standards in subsections (kk), (ll), and (mm) in accordance with subsection (o) and publish a final rule no later than January 1, 2013 establishing such revised standards, or make a finding that no revisions are technically feasible and economically justified. Any such revised standards shall take effect January 1, 2016.’.

(b) Commercial Furnace Efficiency Standards- Section 342(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6312(a)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (10) the following new paragraph:

‘(11) WARM AIR FURNACES- Each warm air furnace with

an input rating of 225,000 Btu per hour or more and manufactured after January 1, 2011, shall meet the following standard levels:

‘(A) GAS-FIRED UNITS-

‘(i) Minimum thermal efficiency of 80 percent.

‘(ii) Include an interrupted or intermittent ignition device.

‘(iii) Have jacket losses not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating.

‘(iv) Have either power venting or a flue damper.

‘(B) OIL-FIRED UNITS-

‘(i) Minimum thermal efficiency of 81 percent.

‘(ii) Have jacket losses not exceeding 0.75 percent of the input rating.

‘(iii) Have either power venting or a flue damper.’.

SEC. 213. APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY DETERMINATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Definition of Energy Conservation Standard- Section 321(6) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291(6)) is amended to read as follows:

‘(6) ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARD-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘energy conservation standard’ means 1 or more performance standards that--

‘(i) for covered products (excluding clothes washers, dishwashers, showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals), prescribe a minimum level of energy efficiency or a maximum quantity of energy use, determined in accordance with test procedures prescribed under section 323;

‘(ii) for showerheads, faucets, water closets, and urinals, prescribe a minimum level of water efficiency or a maximum quantity of water use, determined in accordance with test procedures prescribed under section 323; and

‘(iii) for clothes washers and dishwashers--

‘(I) prescribe a minimum level of energy efficiency or a maximum quantity of energy use, determined in accordance with test procedures prescribed under section 323; and

‘(II) may include a minimum level of water efficiency or a maximum quantity of water use, determined in accordance with those test procedures.

‘(B) INCLUSIONS- The term ‘energy conservation standard’ includes--

‘(i) 1 or more design requirements, if the requirements were established--

‘(I) on or before the date of enactment of this subclause;

‘(II) as part of a direct final rule under section 325(p)(4); or

‘(III) as part of a final rule published on or after January 1, 2012, and

‘(ii) any other requirements that the Secretary may prescribe under section 325(r).

‘(C) EXCLUSION- The term ‘energy conservation standard’ does not include a performance standard for a component of a finished covered product, unless regulation of the component is specifically authorized or established pursuant to this title.’.

(b) Adopting Consensus Test Procedures and Test Procedures in Use Elsewhere- Section 323(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)), as amended by sections 211 and 212 of this Act, is further amended by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph (22):

‘(23) CONSENSUS AND ALTERNATE TEST PROCEDURES-

‘(A) RECEIPT OF JOINT RECOMMENDATION OR ALTERNATE TESTING PROCEDURE- On receipt of--

‘(i) a statement that is submitted jointly by interested persons that are fairly representative of relevant points of view (including representatives of manufacturers of covered products, States, and efficiency advocates), as determined by the Secretary, and contains recommendations with respect to the testing procedure for a covered product; or

‘(ii) a submission of a testing procedure currently in use for a covered product by a State, nation, or group of nations--

‘(I) if the Secretary determines that the recommended testing procedure contained in the

statement or submission is in accordance with subsection (b)(3), the Secretary may issue a final rule that establishes an energy or water conservation testing procedure that is published simultaneously with a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes a new or amended energy or water conservation testing procedure that is identical to the testing procedure established in the final rule to establish the recommended testing procedure (referred to in this paragraph as a ‘direct final rule’); or

‘(II) if the Secretary determines that a direct final rule cannot be issued based on the statement or submission, the Secretary shall publish a notice of the determination, together with an explanation of the reasons for the determination.

‘(B) PUBLIC COMMENT- The Secretary shall solicit public comment for a period of at least 110 days with respect to each direct final rule issued by the Secretary under subparagraph (A)(ii)(I).

‘(C) WITHDRAWAL OF DIRECT FINAL RULES-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than 120 days after the date on which a direct final rule issued under subparagraph (A)(ii)(I) is published in the Federal Register, the Secretary shall withdraw the direct final rule if--

‘(I) the Secretary receives 1 or more adverse public comments relating to the direct final rule under subparagraph (B) or any alternative joint recommendation; and

‘(II) based on the rulemaking record relating to the

direct final rule, the Secretary determines that such adverse public comments or alternative joint recommendation may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing the direct final rule under paragraph (3) or any other applicable law.

‘(ii) ACTION ON WITHDRAWAL- On withdrawal of a direct final rule under clause (i), the Secretary shall--

‘(I) proceed with the notice of proposed rulemaking published simultaneously with the direct final rule as described in subparagraph (A)(ii)(I); and

‘(II) publish in the Federal Register the reasons why the direct final rule was withdrawn.

‘(iii) TREATMENT OF WITHDRAWN DIRECT FINAL RULES- A direct final rule that is withdrawn under clause (i) shall not be considered to be a final rule for purposes of subsection (b).

‘(D) EFFECT OF PARAGRAPH- Nothing in this paragraph authorizes the Secretary to issue a direct final rule based solely on receipt of more than 1 statement containing recommended test procedures relating to the direct final rule.’.

(c) Updating Television Test Methods- Section 323(b) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)), as amended by sections 211 and 212 of this Act, and subsection (b) of this section, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(24) TELEVISIONS- (A) On the date of enactment of this paragraph, Appendix H to Subpart B of Part 430 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations, ‘Uniform Test Method for Measuring the Energy Consumption of Television Sets’, is

repealed.

‘(B) No later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this paragraph the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a final rule prescribing a new test method for televisions.’.

(d) Criteria for Prescribing New or Amended Standards- (1) Section 325(o)(2)(B)(i) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(o)(2)(B)(i)) is amended as follows:

(A) By striking ‘and’ at the end of subclause (VI).

(B) By redesignating subclause (VII) as subclause (XI).

(C) By inserting the following new subclauses after subclause (VI):

‘(VII) the estimated value of the carbon dioxide and other emission reductions that will be achieved by virtue of the higher energy efficiency of the covered products resulting from the imposition of the standard;

‘(VIII) the estimated impact of standards for a particular product on average consumer energy prices;

‘(IX) the increased energy efficiency that may be attributable to the installation of Smart Grid technologies or capabilities in the covered products, if applicable in the determination of the Secretary;

‘(X) the availability in the United States or in other nations of examples or prototypes of covered products that achieve significantly higher efficiency standards for energy or for water; and’.

(2) Section 325(o)(2)(B)(iii) of such Act is amended as follows:

(A) By striking ‘three’ and inserting ‘5’.

(B) By inserting after the first sentence the following ‘For products with an average expected useful life of less than 5 years, such rebuttable presumption shall be determined utilizing 75 percent of the product’s average expected useful life as a multiplier instead of 5.’.

(C) By striking the last sentence and inserting the following: ‘Such a presumption may be rebutted only if the Secretary finds, based on clear, convincing, and reliable evidence, that--

‘(I) such standard level would cause serious and unavoidable hardship to the average consumer of the product, or to manufacturers supplying a significant portion of the market for the product, that substantially outweighs the standard level’s benefits;

‘(II) the standard and implementing regulations cannot be designed to avoid or mitigate the hardship identified under subclause (I), through the adoption of regional standards consistent with paragraph (6) of this subsection, or other reasonable means consistent with this part;

‘(III) the same or substantially similar hardship would not occur under a standard adopted in the absence of the presumption, but that otherwise meets the requirements of this section; and

‘(IV) the hardship cannot be avoided or mitigated pursuant the procedures specified in section 504 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7194).

A determination by the Secretary that the criteria triggering such presumption are not met, or that the criterion for rebutting the presumption are met shall not be taken into consideration in the Secretary’s determination of whether a standard is economically justified.’.

(e) Obtaining Appliance Information From Manufacturers- Section 326(d) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295(d)) is amended to read as follows:

‘(d) Information Requirements- (1) For purposes of carrying out this part, the Secretary shall publish proposed regulations not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and after receiving public comment, final regulations not later than 18 months from such date of enactment under this part or other provision of law administered by the Secretary, which shall require each manufacturer of a covered product to submit information or reports to the Secretary on an annual basis in a form adopted by the Secretary. Such reports shall include information or data with respect to--

‘(A) the manufacturers’ compliance with all requirements applicable pursuant to this part;

‘(B) the economic impact of any proposed energy conservation standard;

‘(C) the manufacturers’ annual shipments of each class or category of covered products, organized, to the maximum extent practicable, by--

‘(i) energy efficiency, energy use, and, if applicable, water use;

‘(ii) the presence or absence of such efficiency related or energy consuming operational characteristics or components as the Secretary determines are relevant for the purposes of carrying out this part; and

‘(iii) the State or regional location of sale, for covered products for which the Secretary may adopt regional standards; and

‘(D) such other categories of information as the Secretary deems relevant to carry out this part, including such other information as may be necessary to establish and revise test procedures, labeling rules, and energy conservation standards

and to insure compliance with the requirements of this part.

‘(2) In adopting regulations under this subsection, the Secretary shall consider existing public sources of information, including nationally recognized certification programs of trade associations.

‘(3) The Secretary shall exercise authority under this section in a manner designed to minimize unnecessary burdens on manufacturers of covered products.

‘(4) To the extent that they do not conflict with the duties of the Secretary in carrying out this part, the provisions of section 11(d) of the Energy Supply and Environmental Coordination Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 796(d)) shall apply with respect to information obtained under this subsection to the same extent and in the same manner as they apply with respect to other energy information obtained under such section.’.

(f) State Waiver- Section 327(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(c)), as amended by section 161(a)(19) of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(12) is a regulation concerning standards for hot food holding cabinets, drinking water dispensers and portable electric spas adopted by the California Energy Commission on or before January 1, 2013.’.

(g) Waiver of Federal Preemption- Paragraph (1) of section 327(d) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(d)) is amended as follows:

(1) In subparagraph (A) by striking ‘State regulation’ each place it appears and inserting ‘State statute or regulation’.

(2) In subparagraph (B) by adding at the end the following new sentence: ‘In making such a finding, the Secretary may not reject a petition for failure of the petitioning State or river basin commission to

produce confidential information maintained by any manufacturer or distributor, or group or association of manufacturers or distributors, and which the petitioning party does not have the legal right to obtain.’.

(3) In clause (ii) of subparagraph (C) by striking ‘costs’ each place it appears and inserting ‘estimated costs’.

(4) In subparagraph (C) by striking ‘within the context of the State’s energy plan and forecast, and,’.

(h) Inclusion of Carbon Output on Appliance ‘Energyguide’ Labels- (1) Section 324(a)(2) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6294(a)(2)) is amended by adding the following at the end:

‘(I)(i) Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Commission shall initiate a rulemaking to implement the additional labeling requirements specified in subsection (c)(1)(C) of this section with an effective date for the revised labeling requirement not later than 12 months from issuance of the final rule.

‘(ii) Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Commission shall complete the rulemaking initiated under clause (i).

‘(iii) Not later than 90 days after issuance of the final rule as provided in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall issue calculation methods required to effectuate the labeling requirements specified in subsection (c)(1)(C) of this section.’.

(2) Section 324(c)(1) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6294(c)(1)) is amended--

(A) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (A);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

‘(C) for products or groups of products providing a comparable function (including the group of products comprising the heating function of heat pumps and furnaces) among covered products listed in paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10), and (11) of section 322(a) of this part, and others designated by the Secretary, the estimated total annual atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions (or their equivalent in other greenhouse gases) associated with, or caused by, the product, calculated utilizing--

‘(i) national average energy use for the product including energy consumed at the point of end use based on test procedures developed under section 323 of this part;

‘(ii) national average energy consumed or lost in the production, generation, transportation, storage, and distribution of energy to the point of end use; and

‘(iii) any direct emissions of greenhouse gases from the product during normal use;

‘(D) in determining the national average energy consumption and total annual atmospheric carbon dioxide emissions, the Secretary shall utilize Federal Government sources, including the Energy Information Administration Annual Energy Review, the Environmental Protection Agency eGRID database, Environmental Protection Agency AP-42 Emission Factors as amended, and other sources determined to be appropriate by the Secretary; and

‘(E) information presenting, for each product (or group of products providing the comparable function) identified in section (c)(1)(C) of this section, the estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions calculated within the range of emissions calculated for all models of the product or group

according to its function, including those models consuming fuels and those models not consuming fuels.’.

(i) Permitting States to Seek Injunctive Enforcement- (1) Section 334 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6304) is amended to read as follows:

‘SEC. 334. JURISDICTION AND VENUE.

‘(a) Jurisdiction- The United States district courts shall have jurisdiction to restrain--

‘(1) any violation of section 332; and

‘(2) any person from distributing in commerce any covered product which does not comply with an applicable rule under section 324 or 325.

‘(b) Authority- Any action referred to in subsection (a) shall be brought by the Commission or by the attorney general of a State in the name of the State, except that--

‘(1) any such action to restrain any violation of section 332(a)(3) which relates to requirements prescribed by the Secretary or any violation of section 332(a)(4) which relates to request of the Secretary under section 326(b)(2) shall be brought by the Secretary; and

‘(2) any violation of section 332(a)(5) or 332(a)(7) shall be brought by the Secretary or by the attorney general of a State in the name of the State.

‘(c) Venue and Service of Process- Any such action may be brought in the United States district court for a district wherein any act, omission, or transaction constituting the violation occurred, or in such court of the district wherein the defendant is found or transacts business. In any action under this section, process may be served on

a defendant in any other district in which the defendant resides or may be found.’.

(2) The item relating to section 334 in the table of contents for such Act is amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 334. Jurisdiction and venue.’.

(j) Treatment of Appliances Within Building Codes- (1) Section 327(f)(3) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(f)(3)) is amended by striking subparagraphs (B) through (G) and inserting the following:

‘(B) The code meets at least one of the following requirements:

‘(i) The code does not require that the covered product have an energy efficiency exceeding--

‘(I) the applicable energy conservation standard established in or prescribed under section 325;

‘(II) the level required by a regulation of that State for which the Secretary has issued a rule granting a waiver under subsection (d) of this section; or

‘(III) the required level established in the International Energy Conservation Code or in a standard of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, or by the Secretary pursuant to section 304 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act.

‘(ii) If the code uses one or more baseline building designs against which all submitted building designs are to be evaluated and such baseline building designs contain a covered product subject to an energy conservation standard established in or prescribed under section 325, the baseline

building designs are based on an efficiency level for such covered product which meets but does not exceed one of the levels specified in clause (i).

‘(iii) If the code sets forth one or more optional combinations of items which meet the energy consumption or conservation objective, in at least one combination that the State has found to be reasonably achievable using commercially available technologies the efficiency of the covered product meets but does not exceed one of the levels specified in clause (i).

‘(C) The credit to the energy consumption or conservation objective allowed by the code for installing covered products having energy efficiencies exceeding one of the levels specified in subparagraph (B)(i) is on a one-for-one equivalent energy use or equivalent energy cost basis, taking into account the typical lifetime of the product.

‘(D) The energy consumption or conservation objective is specified in terms of an estimated total consumption of energy (which may be calculated from energy loss- or gain-based codes) utilizing an equivalent amount of energy (which may be specified in units of energy or its equivalent cost) and equivalent lifetimes.

‘(E) The estimated energy use of any covered product permitted or required in the code, or used in calculating the objective, is determined using the applicable test procedures prescribed under section 323, except that the State may permit the estimated energy use calculation to be adjusted to reflect the conditions of the areas where the code is being applied if such adjustment is based on the use of the applicable test procedures prescribed under section 323 or other technically accurate documented procedure.’.

(2) Section 327(f)(4)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation

Act (42 U.S.C. 6297(f)(4)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

‘(B) If a building code requires the installation of covered products with efficiencies exceeding the levels and requirements specified in paragraph (3)(B), such requirement of the building code shall not be applicable unless the Secretary has granted a waiver for such requirement under subsection (d) of this section.’.

SEC. 214. BEST-IN-CLASS APPLIANCES DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator, shall establish a program to be known as the ‘Best-in-Class Appliances Deployment Program’ to--

(1) provide bonus payments to retailers or distributors under subsection (c) for sales of best-in-class high-efficiency household appliance models, high-efficiency installed building equipment, and high-efficiency consumer electronics, with the goal of reducing life-cycle costs for consumers, encouraging innovation, and maximizing energy savings and public benefit;

(2) provide bounties under subsection (d) to retailers and manufacturers for the replacement, retirement, and recycling of old, inefficient, and environmentally harmful products; and

(3) provide premium awards under subsection (e) to manufacturers for developing and producing new Superefficient Best-in-Class Products.

(b) Designation of Best-in-Class Product Models-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Energy shall designate product models of appliances, equipment, or electronics as Best-in-Class Product models. The Secretary shall publicly announce the Best-in-Class Product models designated under this subsection. The Secretary shall

define product classes broadly and, except as provided in paragraph (2), shall designate as Best-in-Class Product models no more than the most efficient 10 percent of the commercially available product models in a class that demonstrate, as a group, a distinctly greater energy efficiency than the average energy efficiency of that class of appliances, equipment, or electronics. In designating models, the Secretary shall--

(A) identify commercially available models in the relevant class of products;

(B) identify the subgroup of those models that share the distinctly higher energy-efficiency characteristics that warrant designation as best-in-class; and

(C) add other models in that class to the list of Best-in-Class Product models as they demonstrate their ability to meet the higher-efficiency characteristics on which the designation was made.

(2) **PERCENTAGE EXCEPTION-** If there are fewer than 10 product models in a class of products, the Secretary may designate one or more of such models as Best-in-Class Products.

(3) **REVIEW OF BEST-IN-CLASS STANDARDS-** The Secretary shall review annually the product-specific criteria for designating, and the product models that qualify as, Best-in-Class Products and, after notice and a 30-day comment period, make upwards adjustments in the efficiency criteria as necessary to maintain an appropriate ratio of such product models to the total number of product models in the product class.

(4) **SMART GRID ENERGY EFFICIENCY SAVINGS-** The Secretary shall include energy efficiency savings achieved by a commercially available product having smart grid capability in determining the efficiency level of a product for purposes of a Best-In-Class Product designation pursuant to this subsection. In measuring energy efficiency savings achieved by smart grid capability, the Secretary shall use a metric that--

(A) is based on the time-differentiated value and amount of energy consumption;

(B) accounts for the capability of the product to respond to a smart grid in which the physical capability of the product to save or delay energy because of a smart grid feature is weighted by the likelihood that the feature will be used;

(C) is based on the value of a unit of electric or gas consumption as a function of time of day and season; and

(D) includes a test method by which the manufacturer shall determine the energy efficiency of smart grid capable products.

(c) Bonuses for Sales of Best-in-Class Products-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Energy shall make bonus payments to retailers or, as provided in paragraph (5)(B), distributors for the sale of Best-in-Class Products.

(2) BONUS PROGRAM- The Secretary shall--

(A) publicly announce the availability and amount of the bonus to be paid for each sale of a Best-in-Class Product of a model designated under subsection (b); and

(B) make bonus payments in at least that amount for each Best-in-Class Product of that model sold during the 3-year period beginning on the date the model is designated under subsection (b).

(3) UPGRADE OF BEST-IN-CLASS PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY- In conducting a review under subsection (b)(3), the Secretary shall--

(A) consider designating as a Best-in-Class Product model a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product model that has been designated pursuant to subsection (e);

(B) announce any change in the bonus payment as necessary to

increase the market share of Best-in-Class Product models;

(C) list models that will be eligible for bonuses in the new amount; and

(D) continue paying bonus payments at the original level, for the sale of any models that previously qualified as Best-in-Class Products but do not qualify at the new level, for the remainder of the 3-year period announced with the original designation.

(4) **SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL BONUS PAYMENTS-** (A) The size of each bonus payment under this subsection shall be the product of--

(i) an amount determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) the difference in energy consumption between the Best-in-Class Product and the average product in the product class.

(B) The Secretary shall determine the amount under subparagraph (A)(i) for each product type, in consultation with State and utility efficiency program administrators as well as the Administrator, based on estimates of the amount of bonus payment that would provide significant incentive to increase the market share of Best-in-Class Products.

(5) **ELIGIBLE BONUS RECIPIENT-** (A) The Secretary shall ensure that not more than 1 bonus payment is provided under this subsection for each Best-in-Class Product.

(B) The Secretary may make distributors eligible to receive bonus payments under this subsection for sales that are not to the final end-user, to the extent that the Secretary determines that for a particular product category distributors are well situated to increase sales of Best-in-Class Products.

(d) **Bounties for Replacement, Retirement, and Recycling of Existing Low-Efficiency Products-**

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Energy shall make bounty payments to--

(A) retailers for the replacement, retirement, and recycling of older operating low-efficiency products that might otherwise continue in operation; and

(B) manufacturers of Superefficient Best-in-Class Products for the retirement and recycling of older operating low-efficiency products that perform the same function and which might otherwise continue in operation.

(2) BOUNTIES- Bounties shall be payable--

(A) to a retailer upon documentation that the sale of a Best-in-Class Product was accompanied by the replacement, retirement, and recycling of--

(i) an inefficient but still-functioning product; or

(ii) a nonfunctioning product containing a refrigerant, by the consumer to whom the Best-in-Class Product was sold; and

(B) to a manufacturer upon documentation of the retirement and recycling of--

(i) an inefficient but still-functioning product from a consumer to whom a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product was delivered; or

(ii) a nonfunctioning product containing a refrigerant from a consumer to whom a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product was delivered.

(3) AMOUNT-

(A) FUNCTIONING PRODUCTS- The bounty payment payable under this subsection for a product described in paragraphs

(2)(A)(i) and (2)(B)(i) shall be based on the difference between the estimated energy use of the product replaced and the energy use of an average new product in the product class, over the estimated remaining lifetime of the product that was replaced.

(B) NONFUNCTIONING PRODUCTS CONTAINING REFRIGERANTS- The bounty payment payable under this subsection for a product described in paragraphs (2)(A)(ii) and (2)(B)(ii) shall be in the amount that the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator, determines is sufficient to promote the recycling of such products, up to the amount of bounty for a comparable product described in paragraphs (2)(A) and (2)(B).

(4) RETIREMENT- The Secretary shall ensure that no product for which a bounty is paid under this subsection is returned to active service, but that it is instead destroyed, and recycled to the extent feasible.

(5) RECYCLING APPLIANCES CONTAINING REFRIGERANTS- Exclusively for the purpose of implementing the bounty payment program for products containing a refrigerant under this section, the Administrator shall establish standards for environmentally responsible methods of recycling and disposal of refrigerant-containing appliances that, at a minimum, meet the requirements set by the Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) Program for refrigerant disposal. The Secretary shall ensure that such standards are met before a bounty payment is made under this subsection for a product containing a refrigerant. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to alter the requirements of section 608 of the Clean Air Act or to relieve any person from complying with those requirements.

(e) Premium Awards for Development and Production of Superefficient Best-in-Class Products-

(1) IN GENERAL- (A) The Secretary of Energy shall provide premium awards to manufacturers for the development and production of

Superefficient Best-in-Class Products. The Secretary shall set and periodically revise standards for eligibility of products for designation as a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product.

(B) The Secretary may establish a standard for a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product even if no product meeting that standard exists, if the Secretary has reasonable grounds to conclude that a mass-producible product could be made to meet that standard.

(C) The Secretary may also establish a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product standard that is met by one or more existing Best-in-Class Product models, if those product models have distinct energy efficiency attributes and performance characteristics that make them significantly better than other product models qualifying as best-in-class. The Secretary may not designate as Superefficient Best-in-Class Products under this subparagraph models that represent more than 10 percent of the currently qualifying Best-in-Class Product models. This subparagraph shall not apply to products designated pursuant to paragraph (4)(A).

(D) In making its finding on the efficiency level a product can achieve for purposes of a Superefficient Best-In-Class Product designation pursuant to this paragraph, the Secretary shall include energy efficiency savings that would be achieved by a product as a result of smart grid capability when a product having such capability can be produced and sold commercially to mass market consumers. In measuring energy efficiency savings achieved by smart grid capability, the Secretary shall use a metric that--

(i) is based on the time-differentiated value and amount of energy consumption;

(ii) accounts for the capability of the product to respond to a smart grid in which the physical capability of the product to save or delay energy because of a smart grid feature is weighted by the likelihood that the feature will be used;

(iii) is based on the value of a unit of electric or gas consumption as a function of time of day and season; and

(iv) includes a test method by which the manufacturer shall determine the energy efficiency of smart grid capable products.

(2) PREMIUM AWARDS- (A) The premium award payment provided to a manufacturer under this subsection shall be in addition to any bonus payments made under subsection (c).

(B) The amount of the premium award paid per unit of Superefficient Best-in-Class Products sold to retailers or distributors shall, except as provided by subparagraph (F), be the product of--

(i) an amount determined by the Secretary; and

(ii) the difference in energy consumption between the Superefficient Best-in-Class Product and the average product in the product class.

(C) The Secretary shall determine the amount under subparagraph (B)(i) for each product type, in consultation with State and utility efficiency program administrators as well as the Administrator, based on consideration of the present value to the Nation of the energy (and water or other resources or inputs) saved over the useful life of the product. The Secretary may also take into consideration the methods used to increase sales of qualifying products in determining such amount.

(D) The Secretary may adjust the value described in subparagraph (C) upward or downward as appropriate, including based on the effect of the premium awards on the sales of products in different classes that may be affected by the program under this subsection.

(E) Premium award payments shall be applied to sales of any Superefficient Best-in-Class Product for the first 3 years after designation as a Superefficient Best-in-Class Product.

(F) For years 2011 through 2013, the Secretary shall make bonus

payments to manufacturers of the products designated in paragraph (4)(A) for each product produced in the following amounts:

- (i) \$75 for each dishwasher.
- (ii) \$250 for each clothes washer.
- (iii) \$200 for each refrigerator or refrigerator-freezer.
- (iv) \$250 for each clothes dryer.
- (v) \$200 for each cooking product.
- (vi) \$300 for each water heater.

(3) COORDINATION OF INCENTIVES- No product for which Federal tax credit is received under section 45M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be eligible to receive premium award payments pursuant to this subsection.

(4) DESIGNATIONS-

(A) INITIAL DESIGNATIONS- Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the products the Secretary shall designate as a Superefficient Best-In-Class Product include, but are not limited to, the following products manufactured in 2011 through 2013:

- (i) A dishwasher, clothes washer, refrigerator, or refrigerator-freezer that meets the highest efficiency performance standards in its product category as provided in Section 305(b) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and has the smart grid capability specified in paragraph (5).
- (ii) A water heater that meets an efficiency standard that is the same or equivalent to the standard provided in Section 1333 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and has the smart grid capability specified in paragraph (5).

(iii) A clothes dryer or cooking product that the Secretary determines meets the standards specified in subsection (j)(3), which the Secretary shall promulgate no later than 1 year after the date of enactment, and has the smart grid capability specified in paragraph (5).

(B) EXTENSION OF INITIAL DESIGNATIONS-

(i) **GENERAL-** The Secretary shall in 2013 extend the Superefficient Best-In-Class Product designation of each product specified in subparagraph (A)(i) through (iii) through 2017, provided that for each product designation extended--

(I) the extension will result in significant energy efficiency savings;

(II) the product meets the Superefficient Best-In-Class Product criteria specified in paragraph (1);

(III) the eligibility standards of the product include the smart grid capability specified in paragraph (5); and

(IV) the Secretary makes appropriate revisions to the eligibility standards of the product as provided by paragraph (1).

(ii) **AWARDS-** If a Superefficient Best-In-Class Product designation for a product is extended pursuant to this subparagraph, the premium award for the product shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (2).

(5) SMART GRID CAPABILITY-

(A) Until the Secretary promulgates criteria under subparagraph (B), the term 'smart grid capability' means capability of receiving and interpreting time-of-use pricing and peak-load-shed signals from a utility and--

(i) in the case of a cooking product, reducing a minimum of 20 percent during peak demand as measured by the tested average wattage over the course of a typical operating cycle of the product; or

(ii) in the case of a clothes washer, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, a dryer and a water heater, reducing a minimum of 50 percent during peak demand as measured by the tested average wattage over the course of a typical operating cycle of the product, provided that the typical operating cycle of a refrigerator and a water heater shall be a 24-hour period.

(B) After completion of the analysis required under section 142(b) of this Act, the Secretary shall expeditiously promulgate, after notice and a 30-day public comment period, criteria for what constitutes ‘smart grid capability.’

(f) Reporting- The Secretary of Energy shall require, as a condition of receiving a bonus, bounty, or premium award under this section, that a report containing the following documentation be provided:

(1) For retailers and distributors, the number of units sold within each product type, and model-specific wholesale purchase prices and retail sale prices, on a monthly basis.

(2) For manufacturers, model-specific energy efficiency and consumption data.

(3) For manufacturers, on an immediate basis, information concerning any product design or function changes that affect the energy consumption of the unit.

(4) The methods used to increase the sales of qualifying products.

(g) Monitoring and Verification Protocols- The Secretary of Energy shall establish monitoring and verification protocols for energy consumption tests for each product model and for sales of energy-efficient models. The

Secretary shall estimate actual savings of energy from the use of Smart Grid capability in appliances for which premium award payments are made pursuant to subsection (e) as a function of utility and consumer readiness to utilize such capability.

(h) Disclosure- The Secretary of Energy may require that manufacturers, retailers and distributors disclose publicly and to consumers their participation in the program under this section.

(i) Cost-Effectiveness Requirement-

(1) REQUIREMENT- The Secretary of Energy shall make cost-effectiveness a top priority in designing the program under, and administering, this section, except that the cost-effectiveness of providing premium awards to manufacturers under subsection (e), in aggregate, may be lower by this measure than that of the bonuses and bounties to retailers and distributors under subsections (c) and (d).

(2) DEFINITIONS- In this subsection:

(A) COST-EFFECTIVENESS- The term ‘cost-effectiveness’ means a measure of aggregate savings in the cost of energy over the lifetime of a product in relation to the cost to the Secretary of the bonuses, bounties, and premium awards provided under this section for a product.

(B) SAVINGS- The term ‘savings’ means the cumulative megawatt-hours of electricity or million British thermal units of other fuels saved by a product during the projected useful life of the product, in comparison to projected energy consumption of the average product in the same class, taking into consideration the impact of any documented measures to replace, retire, and recycle low-efficiency products at the time of purchase of highly-efficient substitutes.

(j) Definitions- In this section--

- (1) the term ‘distributor’ mean an individual, organization, or company that sells products in multiple lots and not directly to end-users;
- (2) the term ‘retailer’ means an individual, organization, or company that sells products directly to end-users;
- (3) the term ‘manufacturer’ means an individual, organization, or company that transforms raw materials into mass-producible finished goods; and
- (4) the term ‘Superefficient Best-in-Class Product’ means a product that--

- (A) can be mass produced; and

- (B) achieves the highest level of efficiency that the Secretary of Energy finds can, given the current state of technology, be produced and sold commercially to mass-market consumers.

(k) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated \$600,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2013 to the Secretary of Energy for purposes of this section, and such sums as may be necessary for subsequent fiscal years. Of funds appropriated, not more than 10 percent for any fiscal year may be expended on program administration, and not less than 40 percent of any funds appropriated during fiscal years 2011 through 2013 shall be for purposes of subsection (e).

SEC. 215. WATERSENSE.

(a) In General- There is established within the Environmental Protection Agency a WaterSense program to identify and promote water efficient products, buildings and landscapes, and services in order--

- (1) to reduce water use;

- (2) to reduce the strain on water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure;

(3) to conserve energy used to pump, heat, transport, and treat water; and

(4) to preserve water resources for future generations,

through voluntary labeling of, or other forms of communications about, products, buildings and landscapes, and services that meet the highest water efficiency and performance standards.

(b) Duties- The Administrator shall--

(1) promote WaterSense labeled products, buildings and landscapes, and services in the market place as the preferred technologies and services for--

(A) reducing water use; and

(B) ensuring product and service performance;

(2) work to enhance public awareness of the WaterSense label through public outreach, education, and other means;

(3) establish and maintain performance standards so that products, buildings and landscapes, and services labeled with the WaterSense label perform as well or better than their less efficient counterparts;

(4) publicize the need for proper installation and maintenance of WaterSense products by a licensed, and where certification guidelines exist, WaterSense-certified professional to ensure optimal performance;

(5) preserve the integrity of the WaterSense label;

(6) regularly review and, when appropriate, update WaterSense criteria for categories of products, buildings and landscapes, and services, at least once every 4 years;

(7) to the extent practical, regularly estimate and make available to the public the production and relative market shares of WaterSense labeled

products, buildings and landscapes, and services, at least annually;

(8) to the extent practical, regularly estimate and make available to the public the water and energy savings attributable to the use of WaterSense labeled products, buildings and landscapes, and services, at least annually;

(9) solicit comments from interested parties and the public prior to establishing or revising a WaterSense category, specification, installation criterion, or other criterion (or prior to effective dates for any such category, specification, installation criterion, or other criterion);

(10) provide reasonable notice to interested parties and the public of any changes (including effective dates), on the adoption of a new or revised category, specification, installation criterion, or other criterion, along with--

(A) an explanation of changes; and

(B) as appropriate, responses to comments submitted by interested parties;

(11) provide appropriate lead time (as determined by the Administrator) prior to the applicable effective date for a new or significant revision to a category, specification, installation criterion, or other criterion, taking into account the timing requirements of the manufacturing, marketing, training, and distribution process for the specific product, building and landscape, or service category addressed; and

(12) identify and, where appropriate, implement other voluntary approaches in commercial, institutional, residential, municipal, and industrial sectors to encourage reuse and recycling technologies, improve water efficiency, or lower water use while meeting, where applicable, the performance standards established under paragraph (3).

(c) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be

appropriated \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 2010, \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, and \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2013 and each year thereafter, adjusted for inflation, to carry out this section.

SEC. 216. FEDERAL PROCUREMENT OF WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCTS.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

(1) AGENCY- The term ‘agency’ has the meaning given that term in section 7902(a) of title 5, United States Code.

(2) WATERSENSE PRODUCT OR SERVICE- The term ‘WaterSense product or service’ means a product or service that is rated for water efficiency under the WaterSense program.

(3) WATERSENSE PROGRAM- The term ‘WaterSense program’ means the program established by section 215 of this Act.

(4) FEMP DESIGNATED PRODUCT- The term ‘FEMP designated product’ means a product that is designated under the Federal Energy Management Program of the Department of Energy as being among the highest 25 percent of equivalent products for efficiency.

(5) PRODUCT AND SERVICE- The terms ‘product’ and ‘service’ do not include any water consuming product or service designed or procured for combat or combat-related missions. The terms also exclude products or services already covered by the Federal procurement regulations established under section 553 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8259b).

(b) Procurement of Water Efficient Products-

(1) REQUIREMENT- To meet the requirements of an agency for a water consuming product or service, the head of the agency shall, except as provided in paragraph (2), procure--

(A) a WaterSense product or service; or

(B) a FEMP designated product.

A WaterSense plumbing product should preferably, when possible, be installed by a licensed and, when WaterSense certification guidelines exist, WaterSense-certified plumber or mechanical contractor, and a WaterSense irrigation system should preferably, when possible, be installed, maintained, and audited by a WaterSense-certified irrigation professional to ensure optimal performance.

(2) EXCEPTIONS- The head of an agency is not required to procure a WaterSense product or service or FEMP designated product under paragraph (1) if the head of the agency finds in writing that--

(A) a WaterSense product or service or FEMP designated product is not cost-effective over the life of the product, taking energy and water cost savings into account; or

(B) no WaterSense product or service or FEMP designated product is reasonably available that meets the functional requirements of the agency.

(3) PROCUREMENT PLANNING- The head of an agency shall incorporate into the specifications for all procurements involving water consuming products and systems, including guide specifications, project specifications, and construction, renovation, and services contracts that include provision of water consuming products and systems, and into the factors for the evaluation of offers received for the procurement, criteria used for rating WaterSense products and services and FEMP designated products. The head of an agency shall consider, to the maximum extent practicable, additional measures for reducing agency water consumption, including water reuse technologies, leak detection and repair, and use of waterless products that perform similar functions to existing water-consuming products.

(c) Regulations- Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this

Act, the Secretary of Energy, working in coordination with the Administrator, shall issue guidelines to carry out this section.

SEC. 217. EARLY ADOPTER WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY- The term ‘eligible entity’ means a State government, local or county government, tribal government, wastewater or sewerage utility, municipal water authority, energy utility, water utility, or nonprofit organization that meets the requirements of subsection (b).

(2) INCENTIVE PROGRAM- The term ‘incentive program’ means a program for administering financial incentives for consumer purchase and installation of residential water efficient products and services as described in subsection (b)(1).

(3) RESIDENTIAL WATER EFFICIENT PRODUCT OR SERVICE- The term ‘residential water efficient product or service’ means a product or service for a single-family or multifamily residence or its landscape that is rated for water efficiency and performance--

(A) by the WaterSense program; or

(B) where a WaterSense specification does not exist, by an incentive program.

Categories of water efficient products and services may include faucets, irrigation technologies and services, point-of-use water treatment devices, reuse and recycling technologies, toilets, and showerheads.

(4) WATERSENSE PROGRAM- The term ‘WaterSense program’ means the program established by section 215 of this Act.

(b) Eligible Entities- An entity shall be eligible to receive an allocation under

subsection (c) if the entity--

- (1) establishes (or has established) an incentive program to provide rebates, vouchers, other financial incentives, or direct installs to consumers for the purchase of residential water efficient products or services;
- (2) submits an application for the allocation at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Administrator may require; and
- (3) provides assurances satisfactory to the Administrator that the entity will use the allocation to supplement, but not supplant, funds made available to carry out the incentive program.

(c) Amount of Allocations- For each fiscal year, the Administrator shall determine the amount to allocate to each eligible entity to carry out subsection (d) taking into consideration--

- (1) the population served by the eligible entity in the most recent calendar year for which data are available;
- (2) the targeted population of the eligible entity's incentive program, such as general households, low-income households, or first-time homeowners, and the probable effectiveness of the incentive program for that population;
- (3) for existing programs, the effectiveness of the incentive program in encouraging the adoption of water efficient products and services; and
- (4) any prior year's allocation to the eligible entity that remains unused.

(d) Use of Allocated Funds- Funds allocated to an entity under subsection (c) may be used to pay up to 50 percent of the cost of establishing and carrying out an incentive program.

(e) Fixture Recycling- Entities are encouraged to promote or implement fixture recycling programs to manage the disposal of older fixtures replaced

due to the incentive program under this section.

(f) Issuance of Incentives- Financial incentives may be provided to consumers that meet the requirements of the incentive program. The entity may issue all financial incentives directly to consumers or, with approval of the Administrator, delegate some or all financial incentives administration to other organizations including, but not limited to, local governments, municipal water authorities, and water utilities. The amount of a financial incentives shall be determined by the entity, taking into consideration--

- (1) the amount of the allocation to the entity under subsection (c);
- (2) the amount of any Federal, State, or other organization's tax or financial incentive available for the purchase of the residential water efficient product or service;
- (3) the amount necessary to change consumer behavior to purchase water efficient products and services; and
- (4) the consumer expenditures for onsite preparation, assembly, and original installation of the product.

(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, and \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

SEC. 218. CERTIFIED STOVES PROGRAM.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

- (1) AGENCY- The term 'Agency' means the Environmental Protection Agency.
- (2) WOOD STOVE OR PELLET STOVE- The term 'wood stove or pellet stove' means a wood stove, pellet stove, or fireplace insert that

uses wood or pellets for fuel.

(3) **CERTIFIED STOVE**- The term ‘certified stove’ means a wood stove or pellet stove that meets the standards of performance for new residential wood heaters under subpart AAA of part 60 of subchapter C of chapter I of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations), as certified by the Administrator. Pellet stoves and fireplace inserts using pellets for fuel that are exempt from testing by the Administrator but meet the same standards of performance as wood stoves are considered certified for the purposes of this section.

(4) **ELIGIBLE ENTITY**- The term ‘eligible entity’ means--

(A) a State, a local government, or a federally recognized Indian tribe;

(B) Alaskan Native villages or regional or village corporations (as defined in, or established under, the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)); and

(C) a nonprofit organization or institution that--

(i) represents or provides pollution reduction or educational services relating to wood smoke minimization to persons, organizations, or communities; or

(ii) has, as its principal purpose, the promotion of air quality or energy efficiency.

(b) **Establishment**- The Administrator shall establish and carry out a program to assist in the replacement of wood stoves or pellet stoves that do not meet the standards of performance referred to in subsection (a)(4) by--

(1) requiring that each wood stove or pellet stove sold in the United States on and after the date of enactment of this Act meet the standards of performance referred to in subsection (a)(4);

(2) requiring that no wood stove or pellet stove replaced under this program is sold or returned to active service, but that it is instead destroyed and recycled to the maximum extent feasible;

(3) providing funds to an eligible entity to replace a wood stove or pellet stove that does not meet the standards of performance in subsection (a)(4) with a certified stove, including funds to pay for--

(A) installation of a replacement certified stove; and

(B) necessary replacement of or repairs to ventilation, flues, chimneys, or other relevant items necessary for safe installation of a replacement certified stove;

(4) in addition to any funds that may be appropriated for the program under this subsection, using existing Federal, State, and local programs and incentives, to the greatest extent practicable;

(5) prioritizing the replacement of wood stoves or pellet stoves manufactured before July 1, 1990; and

(6) carrying out such other activities as the Administrator determines appropriate to facilitate the replacement of wood stoves or pellet stoves that do not meet the standards of performance referred to in subsection (a)(3).

(c) Regulations- The Administrator may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the program established under subsection (b).

(d) Funding-

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program under this section \$20,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

(2) DESIGNATED USE- Of amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection--

(A) 25 percent shall be designated for use to carry out the program under this section on lands held in trust for the benefit of a federally recognized Indian tribe;

(B) 3 percent shall be designated for use to carry out the program under this section in Alaskan Native villages or regional or village corporations (as defined in, or established under, the Alaskan Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)); and

(C) 72 percent shall be designated for use to carry out the program under this section nationwide.

(3) REGULATORY PROGRAMS-

(A) IN GENERAL- No grant or loan provided under this section shall be used to fund the costs of emissions reductions that are mandated under Federal, State, or local law.

(B) MANDATED- For purposes of subparagraph (A), voluntary or elective emission reduction measures shall not be considered 'mandated', regardless of whether the reductions are included in the implementation plan of a State.

(e) EPA Authority to Accept Wood Stove or Pellet Stove Replacement Supplemental Environmental Projects-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator may accept (notwithstanding sections 3302 and 1301 of title 31, United States Code) wood stove or pellet stove replacement Supplemental Environmental Projects if such projects, as part of a settlement of any alleged violation of environmental law--

(A) protect human health or the environment;

(B) are related to the underlying alleged violation;

(C) do not constitute activities that the defendant would otherwise

be legally required to perform; and

(D) do not provide funds for the staff of the Agency or for contractors to carry out the Agency's internal operations.

(2) CERTIFICATION- In any settlement agreement regarding an alleged violation of environmental law in which a defendant agrees to perform a wood stove or pellet stove replacement Supplemental Environmental Project, the Administrator shall require the defendant to include in the settlement documents a certification under penalty of law that the defendant would have agreed to perform a comparably valued, alternative project other than a wood stove or pellet stove replacement Supplemental Environmental Project if the Administrator were precluded by law from accepting a wood stove or pellet stove replacement Supplemental Environmental Project. A failure by the Administrator to include this language in such a settlement agreement shall not create a cause of action against the United States under the Clean Air Act or any other law or create a basis for overturning a settlement agreement entered into by the United States.

SEC. 219. ENERGY STAR STANDARDS.

(a) Energy Star- Section 324A(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended--

(1) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking 'and' after the semicolon at the end;

(2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

'(8) not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this paragraph, establish and implement a rating system for products identified as Energy Star products pursuant to this section to provide consumers with the most helpful information on the relative energy efficiency, including cost effectiveness from the

consumer's perspective, and relative length of time for consumers to recover costs attributable to the energy efficient features, of those products, unless the Administrator and the Secretary communicate to Congress that establishing such a system would diminish the value of the Energy Star brand to consumers;

‘(9)(A) review the Energy Star product criteria for the 10 product models in each product category with the greatest energy consumption at least once every 3 years; and

‘(B) based on the review, update and publish the Energy Star product criteria for each such category, as necessary; and

‘(10) require periodic verification of compliance with the Energy Star product criteria by products identified as Energy Star products pursuant to this section, including--

‘(A) purchase and testing of products from the market; or

‘(B) other appropriate testing and compliance approaches.’.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the amendments made by this section \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and for each fiscal year thereafter.

Subtitle C--Transportation Efficiency

SEC. 221. EMISSIONS STANDARDS.

Title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 331 of this Act, is amended by inserting after part A the following new part:

‘PART B--MOBILE SOURCES

‘SEC. 821. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION STANDARDS FOR MOBILE SOURCES.

‘(a) New Motor Vehicles and New Motor Vehicle Engines- (1) Pursuant to section 202(a)(1), by December 31, 2010, the Administrator shall promulgate standards applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases from new heavy-duty motor vehicles or new heavy-duty motor vehicle engines, excluding such motor vehicles covered by the Tier II standards (as established by the Administrator as of the date of the enactment of this section). The Administrator may revise these standards from time to time.

‘(2) Regulations issued under section 202(a)(1) applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases from new heavy-duty motor vehicles or new heavy-duty motor vehicle engines, excluding such motor vehicles covered by the Tier II standards (as established by the Administrator as of the date of the enactment of this section), shall contain standards that reflect the greatest degree of emissions reduction achievable through the application of technology which the Administrator determines will be available for the model year to which such standards apply, giving appropriate consideration to cost, energy, and safety factors associated with the application of such technology. Any such regulations shall take effect after such period as the Administrator finds necessary to permit the development and application of the requisite technology, and, at a minimum, shall apply for a period no less than 3 model years beginning no earlier than the model year commencing 4 years after such regulations are promulgated.

‘(3) Regulations issued under section 202(a)(1) applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases from new heavy-duty motor vehicles or new heavy-duty motor vehicle engines, excluding such motor vehicles covered by the Tier II standards (as established by the Administrator as of the date of the enactment of this section), shall supersede and satisfy any and all of the rulemaking and compliance requirements of section 32902(k) of title 49, United States Code.

‘(4) Other than as specifically set forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection, nothing in this section shall affect or otherwise increase or diminish the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to adopt regulations to improve the overall fuel efficiency of the commercial goods movement system.

‘(b) Nonroad Vehicles and Engines- (1) Pursuant to section 213(a)(4) and (5), the Administrator shall identify those classes or categories of new nonroad vehicles or engines, or combinations of such classes or categories, that, in the judgment of the Administrator, both contribute significantly to the total emissions of greenhouse gases from nonroad engines and vehicles, and provide the greatest potential for significant and cost-effective reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases. The Administrator shall promulgate standards applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases from these new nonroad engines or vehicles by December 31, 2012. The Administrator shall also promulgate standards applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases for such other classes and categories of new nonroad vehicles and engines as the Administrator determines appropriate and in the timeframe the Administrator determines appropriate. The Administrator shall base such determination, among other factors, on the relative contribution of greenhouse gas emissions, and the costs for achieving reductions, from such classes or categories of new nonroad engines and vehicles. The Administrator may revise these standards from time to time.

‘(2) Standards under section 213(a)(4) and (5) applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases from those classes or categories of new nonroad engines or vehicles identified in the first sentence of paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall achieve the greatest degree of emissions reduction achievable based on the application of technology which the Administrator determines will be available at the time such standards take effect, taking into consideration cost, energy, and safety factors associated with the application of such technology. Any such regulations shall take effect at the earliest

possible date after such period as the Administrator finds necessary to permit the development and application of the requisite technology, giving appropriate consideration to the cost of compliance within such period, the applicable compliance dates for other standards, and other appropriate factors, including the period of time appropriate for the transfer of applicable technology from other applications, including motor vehicles, and the period of time in which previously promulgated regulations have been in effect.

‘(3) For purposes of this section and standards under section 213(a)(4) or (5) applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases, the term ‘nonroad engines and vehicles’ shall include non-internal combustion engines and the vehicles these engines power (such as electric engines and electric vehicles), for those non-internal combustion engines and vehicles which would be in the same category and have the same uses as nonroad engines and vehicles that are powered by internal combustion engines.

‘(c) Averaging, Banking, and Trading of Emissions Credits- In establishing standards applicable to emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to this section and sections 202(a), 213(a)(4) and (5), and 231(a), the Administrator may establish provisions for averaging, banking, and trading of greenhouse gas emissions credits within or across classes or categories of motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines, nonroad vehicles and engines (including marine vessels), and aircraft and aircraft engines, to the extent the Administrator determines appropriate and considering the factors appropriate in setting standards under those sections. Such provisions may include reasonable and appropriate provisions concerning generation, banking, trading, duration, and use of credits.

‘(d) Reports- The Administrator shall, from time to time, submit a report to Congress that projects the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, including transportation fuels, for the years 2030 and 2050, based on the standards adopted under this section.

‘(e) Greenhouse Gases- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 711, hydrofluorocarbons shall be considered a greenhouse gas for purposes of this section.’.

SEC. 222. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS THROUGH TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY.

(a) Environmental Protection Agency- Title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 331 of this Act, is further amended by inserting after part C the following new part:

‘PART D--TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS

‘SEC. 841. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS THROUGH TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall promulgate, and update from time to time, regulations to establish national transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, standardized models and methodologies for use in developing surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets pursuant to sections 134 and 135 of title 23 of the United States Code and methods for collection of data on transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions. Such goals shall be commensurate with the emissions reductions goals established under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. In establishing such goals, models, and methodologies, the Administrator shall consult with States and metropolitan planning organizations and may utilize existing models and methodologies.

‘(b) Timing- The Administrator shall--

‘(1) publish proposed regulations under subsection (a) not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this section; and

‘(2) promulgate final regulations under subsection (a) not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section.

‘(c) Assessment- At least every 6 years after promulgating final regulations under subsection (a), the Administrator, jointly with the Secretary of Transportation, shall assess current and projected progress in reducing national transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions. The assessment shall examine the contributions to emissions reductions attributable to improvements in vehicle efficiency, greenhouse gas performance of transportation fuels, increased efficiency in utilizing transportation systems and the effects of local and State planning.’.

(b) Metropolitan Planning Organizations- Section 134 of title 23 of the United States Code is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (a)(1)--

(A) by striking ‘minimizing’ and inserting ‘reducing’; and

(B) by inserting ‘, reliance on oil, impacts on the environment, transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions’ after ‘consumption’.

(2) In subsection (h)(1)(E)--

(A) by inserting ‘sustainability and livability, reduce surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on oil, adapt to the effects of climate change,’ after ‘energy conservation’;

(B) by inserting ‘and public health’ after ‘quality of life’; and

(C) by inserting ‘, including housing and land use patterns’ after ‘development patterns’.

(3) In subsection (i)(4)(A) by inserting ‘air quality, public health, housing, transportation,’ after ‘conservation,’.

(4) In subsection (k) by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(6) EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROCESS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Within a metropolitan planning area serving a transportation management area, the transportation planning process under this section shall address transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions by including emission reduction targets and strategies.

‘(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS AND STRATEGIES-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than 1 year after the promulgation of the final regulations required under section 841 of the Clean Air Act, each metropolitan planning organization shall develop surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, as well as strategies to meet such targets, as part of the transportation planning process under this section. If more than one metropolitan planning organization has been designated within a metropolitan planning area serving a transportation management area, each such metropolitan planning organization shall work cooperatively with other such organization to develop the surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emission reduction targets required under this subparagraph.

‘(ii) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS- Each

metropolitan planning organization that develops targets and strategies required under clause (i) shall demonstrate progress in stabilizing and reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions in each metropolitan planning area serving a surface transportation management area. The targets and strategies shall, at a minimum--

‘(I) be based on the models and methodologies established in the final regulations required under section 841 of the Clean Air Act;

‘(II) address sources of surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to achievement of the national transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals;

‘(III) include efforts to increase public transportation ridership; and

‘(IV) include efforts to increase walking, bicycling, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation.

‘(C) PUBLIC NOTICE- Each metropolitan planning organization shall make its emission reduction targets and strategies, and an analysis of the anticipated effects thereof, available to the public through its Web site.

‘(D) ENFORCEMENT- If the Secretary finds that a metropolitan planning organization has failed to develop, submit or publish its emission reduction targets and strategies, the Secretary shall not certify that the requirements of this section are met with respect to the metropolitan planning process of such organization.’.

(c) States- Section 135 of title 23 of the United States Code is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (d)(1)(E)--

(A) by inserting ‘sustainability and livability, reduce surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on oil, adapt to the effects of climate change,’ after ‘energy conservation’;

(B) by inserting ‘and public health’ after ‘quality of life’; and

(C) by inserting ‘, including housing and land use patterns’ after ‘development patterns’.

(2) In subsection (f)(2)(D)(i) by inserting ‘air quality, public health, housing, transportation,’ after ‘conservation,’.

(3) In subsection (f) by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(9) EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROCESS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Within a State, the transportation planning process under this section shall address transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions by including emission reduction targets and strategies.

‘(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS AND STRATEGIES-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than 1 year after the promulgation of the final regulations required under section 841 of the Clean Air Act, each State shall develop surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, as well as strategies to meet such targets, as part of the transportation planning process under this section.

‘(ii) **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**- Each State that develops targets and strategies required under clause (i) shall demonstrate progress in stabilizing and reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions in such State. The targets and strategies shall, at a minimum--

‘(I) be based on the models and methodologies established in the final regulations required under section 841 of the Clean Air Act;

‘(II) address sources of surface transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to achievement of the national transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals;

‘(III) include efforts to increase public transportation ridership; and

‘(IV) include efforts to increase walking, bicycling, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation.

‘(D) **PUBLIC NOTICE**- Each State shall make its emission reduction targets and strategies, and an analysis of the anticipated effects thereof, available to the public through its Web site.

‘(E) **ENFORCEMENT**- If the Secretary finds that a State has failed to develop, submit or publish its emission reduction targets and strategies, the Secretary shall not certify that the requirements of this section are met with respect to the statewide planning process of such State.’.

(d) **Department of Transportation**- The Secretary of Transportation shall establish appropriate requirements, including performance measures, to ensure that transportation plans developed under sections 134 and 135 of title 23 of the United States Code

sufficiently meet the requirements of this section, including achieving progress towards national transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

SEC. 223. SMARTWAY TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.

Part B of title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 221 of this Act is amended by adding after section 821 the following section:

‘SEC. 822. SMARTWAY TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.

‘(a) In General- There is established within the Environmental Protection Agency a SmartWay Transport Program to quantify, demonstrate, and promote the benefits of technologies, products, fuels, and operational strategies that reduce petroleum consumption, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions from the mobile source sector.

‘(b) General Duties- Under the program established under this section, the Administrator shall carry out each of the following:

‘(1) Development of measurement protocols to evaluate the energy consumption and greenhouse gas impacts from technologies and strategies in the mobile source sector, including those for passenger transport and goods movement.

‘(2) Development of qualifying thresholds for certifying, verifying, or designating energy-efficient, low-greenhouse gas SmartWay technologies and strategies for each mode of passenger transportation and goods movement.

‘(3) Development of partnership and recognition programs to promote best practices and drive demand for energy-efficient, low-greenhouse gas transportation performance.

‘(4) Promotion of the availability of, and encouragement of the adoption of, SmartWay certified or verified technologies and strategies, and publication of the availability of financial incentives, such as assistance from loan programs and other Federal and State incentives.

‘(c) Smartway Transport Freight Partnership- The Administrator shall establish a SmartWay Transport Freight Partnership program with shippers and carriers of goods to promote energy-efficient, low-greenhouse gas transportation. In carrying out such partnership, the Administrator shall undertake each of the following:

‘(1) Certification of the energy and greenhouse gas performance of participating freight carriers, including those operating rail, trucking, marine, and other goods movement operations.

‘(2) Publication of a comprehensive energy and greenhouse gas performance index of freight modes (including rail, trucking, marine, and other modes of transporting goods) and individual freight companies so that shippers can choose to deliver their goods more efficiently.

‘(3) Development of tools for--

‘(A) carriers to calculate their energy and greenhouse gas performance; and

‘(B) shippers to calculate the energy and greenhouse gas impacts of moving their products and to evaluate the relative impacts from transporting their goods by different modes and corporate carriers.

‘(4) Provision of recognition opportunities for participating shipper and carrier companies demonstrating advanced practices and achieving superior levels of greenhouse gas performance.

‘(d) Improving Freight Greenhouse Gas Performance Databases- The Administrator shall, in coordination with other appropriate agencies, define and collect data on the physical and operational characteristics of the Nation’s truck population, with special emphasis on data related to energy efficiency and greenhouse gas performance to inform the performance index published under subsection (c)(2) of this section, and other means of goods transport as necessary, at least every 5 years.

‘(e) Establishment of Financing Program- The Administrator shall establish a SmartWay Financing Program to competitively award funding to eligible entities identified by the Administrator in accordance with the program requirements in subsection (g).

‘(f) Purpose- Under the SmartWay Financing Program, eligible entities shall--

‘(1) use funds awarded by the Administrator to provide flexible loan and lease terms that increase approval rates or lower the costs of loans and leases in accordance with guidance developed by the Administrator; and

‘(2) make such loans and leases available to public and private entities for the purpose of adopting low-greenhouse gas technologies or strategies for the mobile source sector that are designated by the Administrator.

‘(g) Program Requirements- The Administrator shall determine program design elements and requirements, including--

‘(1) the type of financial mechanism with which to award funding, in the form of grants or contracts;

‘(2) the designation of eligible entities to receive funding, including State, tribal, and local governments, regional organizations comprised of governmental units, nonprofit organizations, or for-profit companies;

‘(3) criteria for evaluating applications from eligible entities, including anticipated--

‘(A) cost-effectiveness of loan or lease program on a metric-ton-of-greenhouse gas-saved-per-dollar basis;

‘(B) ability to promote the loan or lease program and associated technologies and strategies to the target audience; and

‘(4) reporting requirements for entities that receive awards, including--

‘(A) actual cost-effectiveness and greenhouse gas savings from the loan or lease program based on a methodology designated by the Administrator;

‘(B) the total number of applications and number of approved applications; and

‘(C) terms granted to loan and lease recipients compared to prevailing market practices.

‘(h) Authorization of Appropriations- Such sums as necessary are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out this section.’.

SEC. 224. STATE VEHICLE FLEETS.

Section 507(o) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13257) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

‘(3) The Secretary shall revise the rules under this subsection with respect to the types of alternative fueled vehicles required for compliance with this subsection to ensure those rules are consistent with any guidance issued pursuant to section 303 of this Act.’.

Subtitle D--Industrial Energy Efficiency Programs

SEC. 241. INDUSTRIAL PLANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

The Secretary of Energy shall continue to support the development of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) voluntary industrial plant energy efficiency certification program, pending International Standards Organization (ISO) consensus standard 50001, and other related ANSI/ISO standards. In addition, the Department shall undertake complementary activities through the Department of Energy's Industry Technologies Program that support the voluntary implementation of such standards by manufacturing firms. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as are necessary to carry out these activities. The Secretary shall report to Congress on the status of standards development and plans for further standards development pursuant to this section by not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and shall prepare a second such report 18 months thereafter.

SEC. 242. ELECTRIC AND THERMAL WASTE ENERGY RECOVERY AWARD PROGRAM.

(a) Electric and Thermal Waste Energy Recovery Awards- The Secretary of Energy shall establish a program to make monetary awards to the owners and operators of new and existing electric energy generation facilities or thermal energy production facilities using fossil or nuclear fuel, to encourage them to use innovative means of recovering any thermal energy that is a potentially useful byproduct of electric power generation or other processes to--

- (1) generate additional electric energy; or
- (2) make sales of thermal energy not used for electric generation, in the form of steam, hot water, chilled water, or desiccant regeneration, or for other commercially valid purposes.

(b) Amount of Awards-

(1) ELIGIBILITY- Awards shall be made under subsection (a) only for the use of innovative means that achieve net energy efficiency at the facility concerned significantly greater than the current standard technology in use at similar facilities.

(2) AMOUNT- The amount of an award made under subsection (a) shall equal an amount up to the value of 25 percent of the energy projected to be recovered or generated during the first 5 years of operation of the facility using the innovative energy recovery method, or such lesser amount that the Secretary determines to be the minimum amount that can cost-effectively stimulate such innovation.

(3) LIMITATION- No person may receive an award under this section if a grant under the waste energy incentive grant program under section 373 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6343) is made for the same energy savings resulting from the same innovative method.

(c) Regulatory Status- The Secretary of Energy shall--

(1) assist State regulatory commissions to identify and make changes in State regulatory programs for electric utilities to provide appropriate regulatory status for thermal energy byproduct businesses of regulated electric utilities to encourage those utilities to enter businesses making the sales referred to in subsection (a)(2); and

(2) encourage self-regulated utilities to enter businesses making the sales referred to in subsection (a)(2).

(d) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Energy such sums as are necessary for the purposes of this section.

SEC. 243. CLARIFYING ELECTION OF WASTE HEAT RECOVERY FINANCIAL INCENTIVES.

Section 373(e) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6343(e)) is amended--

(1) by striking 'that qualifies for' and inserting 'who elects to claim'; and

(2) by inserting 'from that project' after 'for waste heat recovery'.

SEC. 244. MOTOR MARKET ASSESSMENT AND COMMERCIAL AWARENESS PROGRAM.

(a) Findings- Congress finds that--

(1) electric motor systems account for about half of the electricity used in the United States;

(2) electric motor energy use is determined by both the efficiency of the motor and the system in which the motor operates;

(3) Federal Government research on motor end use and efficiency opportunities is more than a decade old; and

(4) the Census Bureau has discontinued collection of data on motor and generator importation, manufacture, shipment, and sales.

(b) Definitions- In this section:

(1) DEPARTMENT- The term 'Department' means the Department of Energy.

(2) INTERESTED PARTIES- The term 'interested parties' includes--

(A) trade associations;

(B) motor manufacturers;

(C) motor end users;

(D) electric utilities; and

(E) individuals and entities that conduct energy efficiency programs.

(3) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with interested parties.

(c) Assessment- The Secretary shall conduct an assessment of electric motors and the electric motor market in the United States that shall--

(1) include important subsectors of the industrial and commercial electric motor market (as determined by the Secretary), including--

(A) the stock of motors and motor-driven equipment;

(B) efficiency categories of the motor population; and

(C) motor systems that use drives, servos, and other control technologies;

(2) characterize and estimate the opportunities for improvement in the energy efficiency of motor systems by market segment, including opportunities for--

(A) expanded use of drives, servos, and other control technologies;

(B) expanded use of process control, pumps, compressors, fans or blowers, and material handling components; and

(C) substitution of existing motor designs with existing and future advanced motor designs, including electronically commutated permanent magnet, interior permanent magnet, and switched reluctance motors; and

(3) develop an updated profile of motor system purchase and maintenance practices, including surveying the number of companies that have motor purchase and repair specifications, by company size, number of employees, and sales.

(d) Recommendations; Update- Based on the assessment conducted under subsection (c), the Secretary shall--

(1) develop--

(A) recommendations to update the detailed motor profile on a periodic basis;

(B) methods to estimate the energy savings and market penetration that is attributable to the Save Energy Now Program of the Department; and

(C) recommendations for the Director of the Census Bureau on market surveys that should be undertaken in support of the motor system activities of the Department; and

(2) prepare an update to the Motor Master+ program of the Department.

(e) Program- Based on the assessment, recommendations, and update required under subsections (c) and (d), the Secretary shall establish a proactive, national program targeted at motor end-users and delivered in cooperation with interested parties to increase awareness of--

(1) the energy and cost-saving opportunities in commercial and industrial facilities using higher efficiency electric motors;

(2) improvements in motor system procurement and management procedures in the selection of higher efficiency electric motors and motor-system components, including drives, controls, and driven equipment; and

(3) criteria for making decisions for new, replacement, or repair motor and motor system components.

SEC. 245. MOTOR EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM.

(a) In General- Part C of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘SEC. 347. MOTOR EFFICIENCY REBATE PROGRAM.

‘(a) Establishment- Not later than January 1, 2010, in accordance with subsection (b), the Secretary shall establish a program to provide rebates for expenditures made by entities--

‘(1) for the purchase and installation of a new electric motor that has a nominal full load efficiency that is not less than the nominal full load efficiency as defined in--

‘(A) table 12-12 of NEMA Standards Publication MG 1-2006 for random wound motors rated 600 volts or lower; or

‘(B) table 12-13 of NEMA Standards Publication MG 1-2006 for form wound motors rated 5000 volts or lower; and

‘(2) to replace an installed motor of the entity the specifications of which are established by the Secretary by a date that is not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section.

‘(b) Requirements-

‘(1) APPLICATION- To be eligible to receive a rebate under this section, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including--

‘(A) demonstrated evidence that the entity purchased an electric motor described in subsection (a)(1) to replace an installed motor described in subsection (a)(2);

‘(B) demonstrated evidence that the entity--

‘(i) removed the installed motor of the entity from service; and

‘(ii) properly disposed the installed motor of the entity; and

‘(C) the physical nameplate of the installed motor of the entity.

‘(2) AUTHORIZED AMOUNT OF REBATE- The Secretary may provide to an entity that meets each requirement under paragraph (1) a rebate the amount of which shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying--

‘(A) the nameplate horsepower of the electric motor purchased by the entity in accordance with subsection (a)(1); and

‘(B) \$25.00.

‘(3) PAYMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS OF QUALIFYING ELECTRIC MOTORS- To assist in the payment for expenses relating to processing and motor core disposal costs, the Secretary shall provide to the distributor of an electric motor described in subsection (a)(1), the purchaser of which received a rebate under this section, an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying--

‘(A) the nameplate horsepower of the electric motor; and

‘(B) \$5.00.

‘(c) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, to remain available until expended--

- ‘(1) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;
- ‘(2) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;
- ‘(3) \$70,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;
- ‘(4) \$65,000,000 for fiscal year 2014; and
- ‘(5) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2015.’.

(b) Table of Contents- The table of contents of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. prec. 6201) is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to part C of title III the following:

‘Sec. 347. Motor efficiency rebate program.’.

SEC. 246. CLEAN ENERGY MANUFACTURING REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 271 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 26 the following:

‘SEC. 27. CLEAN ENERGY MANUFACTURING REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM.

‘(a) Purposes- The purposes of this section are as follows:

- ‘(1) To develop the long-term manufacturing capacity of the United States.
- ‘(2) To create jobs through the retooling and expansion of manufacturing facilities to produce clean energy technology products and energy efficient products.
- ‘(3) To improve the long-term competitiveness of domestic manufacturing by increasing the energy efficiency of manufacturing facilities.

‘(4) To assist small and medium-sized manufacturers diversify operations to respond to emerging clean energy technology product markets.

‘(b) Definitions- In this section:

‘(1) CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT- The term ‘clean energy technology product’ means technology products relating to the following:

‘(A) Wind turbines.

‘(B) Solar energy.

‘(C) Fuel cells.

‘(D) Advanced batteries, battery systems, or storage devices.

‘(E) Biomass equipment.

‘(F) Geothermal equipment.

‘(G) Advanced biofuels.

‘(H) Ocean energy equipment.

‘(I) Carbon capture and storage.

‘(J) Such other products as the Secretary determines--

‘(i) relate to the production, use, transmission, storage, control, or conservation of energy;

‘(ii) reduce greenhouse gas concentrations;

‘(iii) achieve the earliest and maximum emission reductions within a reasonable period per dollar

invested;

‘(iv) result in the fewest non-greenhouse gas environmental impacts; and

‘(v) either--

‘(I) reduce the need for additional energy supplies by--

‘(aa) using existing energy supplies with greater efficiency; or

‘(bb) by transmitting, distributing, or transporting energy with greater effectiveness through the infrastructure of the United States; or

‘(II) diversity the sources of energy supply of the United States--

‘(aa) to strengthen energy security; and

‘(bb) to increase supplies with a favorable balance of environmental effects if the entire technology system is considered.

‘(2) ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCT- The term ‘energy efficient product’ means a product that, as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Energy--

‘(A) consumes significantly less energy than the average amount that all similar products consumed on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act; or

‘(B) is a component, system, or group of subsystems that is designed, developed, and validated to optimize the energy efficiency of a product.

‘(3) HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTER- The term ‘Hollings Manufacturing Extension Center’ means a center established under section 25.

‘(4) HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM- The term ‘Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program’ means the program established under sections 25 and 26.

‘(5) PROGRAM- The term ‘Program’ means the grant program established pursuant to subsection (c)(1).

‘(6) REVOLVING LOAN FUND- The term ‘revolving loan fund’ means a revolving loan fund described in subsection (d).

‘(7) SECRETARY- Except as otherwise provided, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Commerce.

‘(8) SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURER- The term ‘small or medium-sized manufacturer’ means a manufacturer that employs fewer than 500 full-time equivalent employees at a manufacturing facility that is not owned or controlled by an automobile manufacturer.

‘(c) Grant Program-

‘(1) ESTABLISHMENT- Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall establish a program under which the Secretary shall award grants to States to establish revolving loan funds to provide loans to small and medium-sized manufacturers to finance the cost of--

‘(A) reequipping, expanding, or establishing (including applicable engineering costs) a manufacturing facility in the United States to produce--

‘(i) clean energy technology products;

‘(ii) energy efficient products; or

‘(iii) integral component parts of clean energy

technology products or energy efficient products; or

‘(B) reducing the energy intensity or greenhouse gas production of a manufacturing facility in the United States, including using energy intensive feedstocks.

‘(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT- The Secretary may not award a grant under the Program in an amount that exceeds \$500,000,000 in any fiscal year.

‘(d) Criteria for Awarding Grants-

‘(1) MATCHING FUNDS- The Secretary may make a grant to a State under the Program only if the State agrees to ensure that for each loan provided by the State under the Program, not less than 20 percent of the amount of each loan will come from a non-Federal source.

‘(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS- A State receiving a grant under the Program may only use such amount of the grant for the costs of administering the revolving loan fund as the Secretary shall provide in regulations.

‘(3) APPLICATION- Each State seeking a grant under the Program shall submit to the Secretary an application therefor in such form and in such manner as the Secretary considers appropriate.

‘(4) EVALUATION- The Secretary shall evaluate and prioritize an application submitted by a State for a grant under the Program on the basis of--

‘(A) the description of the revolving loan fund to be established with the grant and how such revolving loan fund will achieve the purposes described in subsection (a);

‘(B) whether the State will be able to provide loans from

the revolving loan fund to small or medium-sized manufacturers before the date that is 120 days after the date on which the State receives the grant;

‘(C) a description of how the State will administer the revolving loan fund in coordination with other State and Federal programs, including programs administered by the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development;

‘(D) a description of the actual or potential clean energy manufacturing supply chains, including significant component parts, in the region served by the revolving loan fund;

‘(E) how the State will target the provision of loans under the Program to manufacturers located in regions characterized by high unemployment and sudden and severe economic dislocation, in particular where mass layoffs have resulted in a precipitous increase in unemployment;

‘(F) the availability of a skilled manufacturing workforce in the region served by the revolving loan fund and the capacity of the region’s workforce and education systems to provide pathways for unemployed or low-income workers into skilled manufacturing employment;

‘(G) a description of how the State will target loans to small or medium-sized manufacturers who are--

‘(i) manufacturers of automobile components; and

‘(ii) either--

‘(I) increasing the energy efficiency of their manufacturing facilities; or

‘(II) retooling to manufacture clean energy products or energy efficient products, including manufacturing components to improve the compliance of an automobile with fuel economy standards prescribed under section 32902 of title 49, United States Code;

‘(H) a description of how the State will use the loan fund to achieve the earliest and maximum greenhouse gas emission reductions within a reasonable period of time per dollar invested and with the fewest non-greenhouse gas environmental impacts; and

‘(I) such other factors as the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure that grants awarded under the Program effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes described in subsection (a).

‘(e) Revolving Loan Funds-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A State receiving a grant under the Program shall establish, maintain, and administer a revolving loan fund in accordance with this subsection.

‘(2) DEPOSITS- A revolving loan fund shall consist of the following:

‘(A) Amounts from grants awarded under this section.

‘(B) All amounts held or received by the State incident to the provision of loans described in subsection (f), including all collections of principal and interest.

‘(3) EXPENDITURES- Amounts in the revolving loan fund shall be available for the provision and administration of loans in accordance with subsection (f).

‘(4) LIMITATION- No funds provided pursuant to this section may be leveraged through use of tax-exempt bonding authority by a State or a political subdivision of a State.

‘(f) Loans-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- A State receiving a grant under this section shall use the amount in the revolving loan fund to provide loans to small and medium-sized manufacturers as described in subsection (c)(1).

‘(2) LOAN TERMS AND CONDITIONS- The following shall apply with respect to loans provided under paragraph (1):

‘(A) TERMS- Loans shall have a term determined by the State receiving the grant as follows:

‘(i) For fixed assets, the term of the loan shall not exceed the useful life of the asset and shall be less than 15 years.

‘(ii) For working capital, the term of the loan shall not exceed 36 months.

‘(B) INTEREST RATES- Loans shall bear an interest rate determined by the State receiving the grant as follows:

‘(i) The interest rate shall enable the loan recipient to accomplish the activities described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1).

‘(ii) The interest rate may be set below-market interest rates.

‘(iii) The interest rate may not be less than zero percent.

‘(iv) The interest rate may not exceed the current prime

rate plus 500 basis points.

‘(C) DESCRIPTION AND BUDGET FOR USE OF LOAN FUNDS- Each recipient of a loan from a State under the Program shall develop and submit to the State and the Secretary a description and budget for the use of loan amounts, including a description of the following:

‘(i) Any new business expected to be developed with the loan.

‘(ii) Any improvements to manufacturing operations to be developed with the loan.

‘(iii) Any technology expected to be commercialized with the loan.

‘(D) PRIORITY IN REVIEW AND PREFERENCE IN SELECTION FOR CERTAIN LOAN APPLICANTS-

‘(i) REVIEW- In reviewing applications submitted by small or medium-sized manufacturers for a loan, a recipient of a grant under the Program shall give priority to small or medium-sized manufacturers described in clause (iii).

‘(ii) SELECTION- In selecting small or medium-sized manufacturers to receive a loan, a recipient of a grant under the Program shall give preference to small or medium-sized manufacturers described in clause (iii).

‘(iii) PRIORITY AND PREFERRED SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS- A small or medium-sized manufacturer described in this clause is a manufacturer that--

‘(I) is certified by a Hollings Manufacturing

Extension Center or a manufacturing-related local intermediary designated by the Secretary for purposes of providing such certification; or

‘(II) provides individuals employed at the manufacturing facilities of the manufacturer--

‘(aa) pay in amounts that are, on average, equal to or more than the average wage of an individual working in a manufacturing facility in the State; and

‘(bb) health benefits.

‘(iv) CERTIFICATION BY HOLLINGS
MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTER- A Hollings Manufacturing Extension Center or other entity designated by the Secretary for purposes of providing certification under clause (iii)(I) shall only certify applications for a loan after carrying out a qualitative and quantitative review of the applicant’s business strategy, manufacturing operations, and technological ability to contribute to the purposes described in subsection (a).

‘(E) REPAYMENT UPON RELOCATION OUTSIDE
UNITED STATES-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- If a person receives a loan under paragraph (1) to finance the cost of reequipping, expanding, or establishing a manufacturing facility as described in subsection (c)(1)(A) or to reduce the energy intensity of a manufacturing facility and such person relocates the production activities of such manufacturing facility outside the United States during the term of the loan, the recipient shall repay such loan in full with interest as described in clause (ii) and for a duration described in clause (iii).

‘(ii) PAYMENT OF INTEREST- Any amount owed by the recipient of a loan under paragraph (1) who is required to repay the loan under clause (i) shall bear interest at a penalty rate determined by the Secretary to deter recipients of loans under paragraph (1) from relocating production activities as described in clause (i).

‘(iii) PERIOD OF REPAYMENT- Repayment of a loan under clause (i) shall be for a duration determined by the Secretary.

‘(F) COMPLIANCE WITH WAGE RATE

REQUIREMENTS- Each recipient of a loan shall undertake and agree to incorporate or cause to be incorporated into all contracts for construction, alteration or repair, which are paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained pursuant to such loan, a requirement that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors performing construction, alteration or repair shall be paid wages at rates not less than those determined by the Secretary of Labor, in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (known as the ‘Davis-Bacon Act’), to be prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the same locality in which the work is to be performed. The Secretary of Labor shall have, with respect to the labor standards specified in this subparagraph, the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (15 Fed. Reg. 3176; 64 Stat. 1267) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

‘(G) ANNUAL REPORTS BY LOAN RECIPIENTS-

Each recipient of a loan issued by a State under paragraph (1) shall, not less frequently than once each year during the

term of the loan, submit to such State a report containing such information as the Secretary may specify for purposes of the Program, including information that the Secretary can use to determine whether a recipient of a loan is required to repay the loan under subparagraph (E).

‘(3) ANNUAL REPORTS BY GRANT RECIPIENTS- Each recipient of a grant under the Program shall, not less frequently than once each year, submit to the Secretary a report on the impact of each loan issued by the State under the Program and the aggregate impact of all loans so issued, including the following:

‘(A) The sales increased or retained.

‘(B) Cost savings or costs avoided.

‘(C) Additional investment encouraged.

‘(D) Jobs created or retained.

‘(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$15,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.’.

SEC. 247. CLEAN ENERGY AND EFFICIENCY MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIPS.

(a) Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program- Section 25(b) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(b)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘and’ at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘; and’; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

‘(4) the establishment of a clean energy manufacturing supply chain initiative--

‘(A) to support manufacturers in their identification of and diversification to new markets, including support for manufacturers transitioning to the use of clean energy supply chains;

‘(B) to assist manufacturers improve their competitiveness by reducing energy intensity and greenhouse gas production, including the use of energy intensive feedstocks;

‘(C) to increase adoption and implementation of innovative manufacturing technologies;

‘(D) to coordinate and leverage the expertise of the National Laboratories and Technology Centers and the Industrial Assessment Centers of the Department of Energy to meet the needs of manufacturers; and

‘(E) to identify, assist, and certify manufacturers seeking loans under section 27(e)(1).’.

(b) Reduction in Cost Share Requirements- Section 25(c) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(c)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting ‘or as provided in paragraph (5)’ after ‘not to exceed six years’;

(2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking ‘not less than 50 percent of the costs incurred for the first 3 years and an increasing share for each of the last 3 years’ and inserting ‘50 percent of the costs incurred or such lesser percentage of the costs incurred as determined appropriate by the Secretary by rule’; and

(3) in paragraph (5)--

(A) by striking ‘at declining levels’;

(B) by striking ‘one third’ and inserting ‘50 percent’; and

(C) by inserting ‘, or such lesser percentage as determined appropriate by the Secretary by rule,’ after ‘maintenance costs’.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for the Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program authorized under sections 25 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k) and for the provision of assistance under section 26 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 278l)--

(1) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

(2) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

(3) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

(4) \$350,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

(5) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

SEC. 248. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) Amendment to National Institute of Standards and Technology Act- Section 25 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(b)) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ‘(hereafter in this Act referred to as the ‘Centers’)’; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

‘(g) Designation-

‘(1) HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM- The program under this section shall be known as the ‘Hollings Manufacturing Partnership Program’.

‘(2) HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTERS- The Regional Centers for the Transfer of Manufacturing Technology created and supported under subsection (a) shall be known as the ‘Hollings Manufacturing Extension Centers’ (in this Act referred to as the ‘Centers’).’.

(b) Amendment to Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005- Division B of title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 2879; 15 U.S.C. 278k note) is amended under the heading ‘INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES’ by striking ‘2007: *Provided further, That*’ and all that follows through ‘Extension Centers.’ and inserting ‘2007.’.

Subtitle E--Improvements in Energy Savings Performance Contracting

SEC. 251. ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS.

(a) Competition Requirements for Task or Delivery Orders Under Energy Savings Performance Contracts-

(1) COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS- Subsection (a) of section 801 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

‘(3)(A) The head of a Federal agency may issue a task or delivery order under an energy savings performance contract by--

‘(i) notifying all contractors that have received an award under such contract that the agency proposes to discuss energy savings performance services for some or all of its facilities and, following a reasonable period of time to provide a

proposal in response to the notice, soliciting an expression of interest in performing site surveys or investigations and feasibility designs and studies and the submission of qualifications from such contractors, and including in such notice summary information concerning energy use for any facilities that the agency has specific interest in including in such contract;

‘(ii) reviewing all expressions of interest and qualifications submitted pursuant to the notice under clause (i);

‘(iii) selecting two or more contractors (from among those reviewed under clause (ii)) to conduct discussions concerning the contractors’ respective qualifications to implement potential energy conservation measures, including requesting references demonstrating experience on similar efforts and the resulting energy savings of such similar efforts, and providing an opportunity for a post-award debriefing to all contractors that submitted expressions of interest and qualifications under clause (ii) pursuant to the notice;

‘(iv) selecting and authorizing--

‘(I) more than one contractor (from among those selected under clause (iii)) to conduct site surveys, investigations, feasibility designs and studies or similar assessments for the energy savings performance contract services (or for discrete portions of such services), for the purpose of allowing each such contractor to submit a firm, fixed-price proposal to implement specific energy conservation measures; or

‘(II) one contractor (from among those selected under clause (iii)) to conduct a site survey, investigation, a feasibility design and study or similar for the purpose of allowing the contractor to submit a firm, fixed-price proposal to implement specific energy conservation

measures;

‘(v) negotiating a task or delivery order for energy savings performance contracting services with the contractor or contractors selected under clause (iv) based on the energy conservation measures identified; and

‘(vi) issuing a task or delivery order for energy savings performance contracting services to such contractor or contractors.

‘(B) The issuance of a task or delivery order for energy savings performance contracting services pursuant to subparagraph (A) is deemed to satisfy the task and delivery order competition requirements in section 2304c(d) of title 10, United States Code, and section 303J(d) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253j(d)).

‘(C) The Secretary may issue guidance as necessary to agencies issuing task or delivery orders pursuant to subparagraph (A).’.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendment made by paragraph (1) is inapplicable to task or delivery orders issued before the date of enactment of this section.

(b) Inclusion of Thermal Renewable Energy- Section 203 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ‘electric’; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting ‘or thermal’ after ‘means electric’.

(c) Credit for Renewable Energy Produced and Used on Site- Subsection (c) of section 203 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15852) is amended to read as follows:

‘(c) Calculation- Renewable energy produced at a Federal facility,

on Federal lands, or on Indian lands (as defined in title XXVI of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)) shall be calculated separately from renewable energy consumed at a Federal facility, and each may be used to comply with the consumption requirement under subsection (a).’.

(d) Financing Flexibility- Section 801(a)(2)(E) of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287(a)(2)(E)) is amended by striking ‘In’ and inserting ‘Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in’.

Subtitle F--Public Institutions

SEC. 261. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Section 399A of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6371h-1) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(5), by striking ‘or a designee’ and inserting ‘an Indian tribe, a not-for-profit hospital or not-for-profit inpatient health care facility, or a designated agent’;

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking subparagraph (C);

(3) in subsection (f)(3)(A), by striking ‘\$1,000,000’ and inserting ‘\$2,500,000’; and

(4) in subsection (i)(1), by striking ‘\$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013’ and inserting ‘\$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2015’.

SEC. 262. COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY FLEXIBILITY.

Section 545(b)(3) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17155(b)(3)) is amended--

(1) by striking ‘Indian tribe may use’ and all that follows through ‘for administrative expenses’ and inserting ‘Indian tribe may use for administrative expenses’;

(2) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C);

(3) by redesignating the remaining clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively and adjusting the margin of those subparagraphs accordingly; and

(4) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period.

SEC. 263. SMALL COMMUNITY JOINT PARTICIPATION.

(a) Section 541(3)(A) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 is amended in clause (i) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subclause (II), in clause (ii) by striking the period at the end of subclause (II) and inserting ‘; or’, and by inserting the following new clause (iii):

‘(iii) a group of adjacent, contiguous, or geographically proximate units of local government that reach agreement to act jointly for purposes of this section and that represent a combined population of not less than 35,000.’.

(b) Section 541(3)(B) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 is amended in clause (i) by striking ‘or’, in clause (ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘; or’, and by inserting the following new clause (iii):

‘(iii) a group of adjacent, contiguous, or geographically proximate units of local government that reach agreement to act jointly for purposes of this section and that represent a combined population of not less than 50,000.’.

SEC. 264. LOW INCOME COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy is authorized to make grants to private, nonprofit, mission-driven community development organizations including community development corporations and community development financial institutions to provide financing to businesses and projects that improve energy efficiency; identify and develop alternative, renewable, and distributed energy supplies; provide technical assistance and promote job and business opportunities for low-income residents; and increase energy conservation in low income rural and urban communities.

(b) Grants- The purpose of such grants is to increase the flow of capital and benefits to low income communities, minority-owned and woman-owned businesses and entrepreneurs and other projects and activities located in low income communities in order to reduce environmental degradation, foster energy conservation and efficiency and create job and business opportunities for local residents. The Secretary may make grants on a competitive basis for--

(1) investments that develop alternative, renewable, and distributed energy supplies;

(2) capitalizing loan funds that lend to energy efficiency projects and energy conservation programs;

(3) technical assistance to plan, develop, and manage an energy efficiency financing program; and

(4) technical and financial assistance to assist small-scale businesses and private entities develop new renewable and distributed sources of power or combined heat and power generation.

(c) Authorization of Appropriations- For the purposes of this section there is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2015.

SEC. 265. CONSUMER BEHAVIOR RESEARCH.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy is authorized to establish a research

program to identify the factors affecting consumer actions to conserve energy and make improvements in energy efficiency. Through the program the Secretary will make grants to public and private institutions of higher education to study the effects of consumer behavior on total energy use; potential energy savings from changes in consumption habits; the ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through changes in energy consumption habits; increase public awareness of Federal climate adaptation and mitigation programs; and the potential for alterations in consumer behavior to further American energy independence. Grants may also fund projects that evaluate or inform public knowledge of the effects of energy consumption habits on these topics.

(b) Grants- The purpose of the program is to provide grants to public and private institutions of higher education to carry out projects which will improve understanding of the effects of consumer behavior on energy consumption and conservation. The Secretary shall make grants on a competitive basis for--

- (1) studies of the effects of consumer habits on energy consumption and conservation;
- (2) development of strategies that communicate the importance of energy efficiency and conservation to consumers;
- (3) identification of best practices to improve consumer energy use habits;
- (4) education programs that inform consumers about the implications of consumption habits on energy use and climate change;
- (5) evaluation of the effectiveness of programs designed to promote public awareness of Federal Government climate adaptation and mitigation activities; and
- (6) other projects that advance the mission of the program.

(c) Report- The Secretary of Energy shall provide Congress with a report on

progress towards establishing the program within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

Subtitle G--Miscellaneous

SEC. 271. ENERGY EFFICIENT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES.

Section 543 of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8253) is amended to read as follows:

‘SEC. 543. ENERGY EFFICIENT INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES.

‘(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, each Federal agency shall collaborate with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (referred to in this section as the ‘Director’) to create an implementation strategy, including best practices and measurement and verification techniques, for the purchase and use of energy efficient information and communications technologies and practices. Wherever possible, existing standards, specifications, performance metrics, and best management practices that have been or are being developed in open collaboration and with broad stakeholder input and review should be incorporated. In addition, agency strategies shall be flexible, cost-effective, and based on the specific operating requirements and statutory mission of each agency.

‘(b) Energy Efficient Information and Communications Technologies- In developing an implementation strategy, each agency shall--

‘(1) consider information and communications technologies and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, advanced metering infrastructure, information and communications technology services and products, efficient data center strategies, applications modernization and rationalization, building systems energy efficiency, and telework; and

‘(2) ensure that agencies are eligible to realize the savings and rewards brought about through increased efficiencies.

‘(c) Performance Goals- Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, the Director shall establish performance goals for evaluating the efforts of the agencies in improving the maintenance, purchase and use of energy efficiency of information and communications technology systems. These performance goals should measure information technology costs over a specific time horizon (3 to 5 years), providing a complete picture of all costs, including energy.

‘(d) Report- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report to Congress on--

‘(1) the progress of each agency in reducing energy use through its implementation strategy; and

‘(2) new and emerging technologies that would help achieve increased energy efficiency.’.

SEC. 272. NATIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS.

(a) Goals- The energy efficiency goals of the United States are--

(1) to achieve an improvement in the overall energy productivity of the United States (measured in gross domestic product per unit of energy input) of at least 2.5 percent per year by the year 2012; and

(2) to maintain that annual rate of improvement each year through 2030.

(b) Strategic Plan-

(1) IN GENERAL- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’), in cooperation with the Administrator and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a strategic plan to achieve the national goals for improvement in energy productivity established under subsection (a).

(2) PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT- The Secretary shall develop the plan in a manner that provides appropriate opportunities for public input and comment.

(c) Plan Contents- The strategic plan shall--

(1) identify future regulatory, funding, and policy priorities that would assist the United States in meeting the national goals;

(2) include energy savings estimates for each sector; and

(3) include data collection methodologies and compilations used to establish baseline and energy savings data.

(d) Plan Updates-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall--

(A) update the strategic plan biennially; and

(B) include the updated strategic plan in the national energy policy plan required by section 801 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7321).

(2) CONTENTS- In updating the plan, the Secretary shall--

(A) report on progress made toward implementing efficiency

policies to achieve the national goals established under subsection (a); and

(B) verify, to the maximum extent practicable, energy savings resulting from the policies.

(e) Report to Congress and the Public- The Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make available to the public, the initial strategic plan developed under subsection (b) and each updated plan.

SEC. 273. AFFILIATED ISLAND ENERGY INDEPENDENCE TEAM.

(a) Definitions- In this section:

(1) AFFILIATED ISLAND- The term ‘affiliated island’ means--

(A) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(B) Guam;

(C) American Samoa;

(D) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(E) the Federated States of Micronesia;

(F) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

(G) the Republic of Palau; and

(H) the United States Virgin Islands.

(2) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Energy (acting through the Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy), in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of State.

(3) TEAM- The term ‘team’ means the team established by the Secretary under subsection (b).

(b) Establishment- As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of each affiliated island--

(1) to reduce the reliance and expenditure of each affiliated island on imported fossil fuels;

(2) to increase the use by each affiliated island of indigenous, nonfossil fuel energy sources;

(3) to improve the performance of the energy infrastructure of the affiliated island through projects--

(A) to improve the energy efficiency of power generation, transmission, and distribution; and

(B) to increase consumer energy efficiency;

(4) to improve the performance of the energy infrastructure of each affiliated island through enhanced planning, education, and training;

(5) to adopt research-based and public-private partnership-based approaches as appropriate;

(6) to stimulate economic development and job creation; and

(7) to enhance the engagement by the Federal Government in international efforts to address island energy needs.

(c) Duties of Team-

(1) ENERGY ACTION PLANS-

(A) IN GENERAL- In accordance with subparagraph (B), the team shall provide technical, programmatic, and financial assistance to

each utility of each affiliated island, and the government of each affiliated island, as appropriate, to develop and implement an energy Action Plan for each affiliated island to reduce the reliance of each affiliated island on imported fossil fuels through increased efficiency and use of indigenous clean-energy resources.

(B) REQUIREMENTS- Each Action Plan described in subparagraph (A) for each affiliated island shall require and provide for--

(i) the conduct of 1 or more studies to assess opportunities to reduce fossil fuel use through--

(I) the improvement of the energy efficiency of the affiliated island; and

(II) the increased use by the affiliated island of indigenous clean-energy resources;

(ii) the identification and implementation of the most cost-effective strategies and projects to reduce the dependence of the affiliated island on fossil fuels;

(iii) the promotion of education and training activities to improve the capacity of the local utilities of the affiliated island, and the government of the affiliated island, as appropriate, to plan for, maintain, and operate the energy infrastructure of the affiliated island through the use of local or regional institutions, as appropriate;

(iv) the coordination of the activities described in clause (iii) to leverage the expertise and resources of international entities, the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, and the regional utilities of the affiliated island;

(v) the identification, and development, as appropriate, of research-based and private-public, partnership approaches to

implement the Action Plan; and

(vi) any other component that the Secretary determines to be necessary to reduce successfully the use by each affiliated island of fossil fuels.

(2) **REPORTS TO SECRETARY**- Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Secretary establishes the team and biennially thereafter, the team shall submit to the Secretary a report that contains a description of the progress of each affiliated island in--

(A) implementing the Action Plan of the affiliated island developed under paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) reducing the reliance of the affiliated island on fossil fuels.

(d) **Use of Regional Utility Organizations**- To provide expertise to affiliated islands to assist the affiliated islands in meeting the purposes of this section, the Secretary shall consider--

(1) including regional utility organizations in the establishment of the team; and

(2) providing assistance through regional utility organizations.

(e) **Annual Reports to Congress**- Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary receives a report submitted by the team under subsection (c)(2), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that contains a summary of the report of the team.

(f) **Authorization of Appropriations**- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 274. PRODUCT CARBON DISCLOSURE PROGRAM.

(a) **EPA Study**- The Administrator shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a national program for measuring, reporting,

publicly disclosing, and labeling products or materials sold in the United States for their carbon content, and shall, not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, transmit a report to Congress which shall include the following:

- (1) A determination of whether a national product carbon disclosure program and labeling program would be effective in achieving the intended goals of achieving greenhouse gas reductions and an examination of existing programs globally and their strengths and weaknesses.
- (2) Criteria for identifying and prioritizing sectors and products and processes that should be covered in such program or programs.
- (3) An identification of products, processes, or sectors whose inclusion could have a substantial carbon impact (prioritizing industrial products such as iron and steel, aluminum, cement, chemicals, and paper products, and also including food, beverage, hygiene, cleaning, household cleaners, construction, metals, clothing, semiconductor, and consumer electronics).
- (4) Suggested methodology and protocols for measuring the carbon content of the products across the entire carbon lifecycle of such products for use in a carbon disclosure program and labeling program.
- (5) A review of existing greenhouse gas product accounting standards, methodologies, and practices including the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, ISO 14040/44, ISO 14067, and Publically Available Specification 2050, and including a review of the strengths and weaknesses of each.
- (6) A survey of secondary databases including the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey and evaluate the quality of data for use in a product carbon disclosure program and product carbon labeling program and an identification of gaps in the data relative to the potential purposes of a national product carbon disclosure program and product carbon labeling program and development of recommendations for addressing these data gaps.

- (7) An assessment of the utility of comparing products and the appropriateness of product carbon standards.
- (8) An evaluation of the information needed on a label for clear and accurate communication, including what pieces of quantitative and qualitative information needs to be disclosed.
- (9) An evaluation of the appropriate boundaries of the carbon lifecycle analysis for different sectors and products.
- (10) An analysis of whether default values should be developed for products whose producer does not participate in the program or does not have data to support a disclosure or label and determine best ways to develop such default values.
- (11) A recommendation of certification and verification options necessary to assure the quality of the information and avoid greenwashing or the use of insubstantial or meaningless environmental claims to promote a product.
- (12) An assessment of options for educating consumers about product carbon content and the product carbon disclosure program and product carbon labeling program.
- (13) An analysis of the costs and timelines associated with establishing a national product carbon disclosure program and product carbon labeling program, including options for a phased approach. Costs should include those for businesses associated with the measurement of carbon footprints and those associated with creating a product carbon label and managing and operating a product carbon labeling program, and options for minimizing these costs.
- (14) An evaluation of incentives (such as financial incentives, brand reputation, and brand loyalty) to determine whether reductions in emissions can be accelerated through encouraging more efficient manufacturing or by encouraging preferences for lower-emissions products to substitute for higher-emissions products whose level of

performance is no better.

(b) Development of National Carbon Disclosure Program- Upon conclusion of the study, and not more than 36 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall establish a national product carbon disclosure program, participation in which shall be voluntary, and which may involve a product carbon label with broad applicability to the wholesale and consumer markets to enable and encourage knowledge about carbon content by producers and consumers and to inform efforts to reduce energy consumption (carbon dioxide equivalent emissions) nationwide. In developing such a program, the Administrator shall--

- (1) consider the results of the study conducted under subsection (a);
- (2) consider existing and planned programs and proposals and measurement standards (including the Publicly Available Specification 2050, standards to be developed by the World Resource Institute/World Business Council for Sustainable Development, the International Standards Organization, and the bill AB19 pending in the California legislature);
- (3) consider the compatibility of a national product carbon disclosure program with existing programs;
- (4) utilize incentives and other means to spur the adoption of product carbon disclosure and product carbon labeling;
- (5) develop protocols and parameters for a product carbon disclosure program, including a methodology and formula for assessing, verifying, and potentially labeling a product's greenhouse gas content, and for data quality requirements to allow for product comparison;
- (6) create a means to--
 - (A) document best practices;
 - (B) ensure clarity and consistency;

- (C) work with suppliers, manufacturers, and retailers to encourage participation;
 - (D) ensure that protocols are consistent and comparable across like products; and
 - (E) evaluate the effectiveness of the program;
- (7) make publicly available information on product carbon content to ensure transparency;
- (8) provide for public outreach, including a consumer education program to increase awareness;
- (9) develop training and education programs to help businesses learn how to measure and communicate their carbon footprint and easy tools and templates for businesses to use to reduce cost and time to measure their products' carbon lifecycle;
- (10) consult with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Commerce, the Federal Trade Commission, and other Federal agencies, as necessary;
- (11) gather input from stakeholders through consultations, public workshops or hearings with representatives of consumer product manufacturers, consumer groups, and environmental groups;
- (12) utilize systems for verification and product certification that will ensure that claims manufacturers make about their products are valid;
- (13) create a process for reviewing the accuracy of product carbon label information and protecting the product carbon label in the case of a change in the product's energy source, supply chain, ingredients, or other factors, and specify the frequency to which data should be updated; and
- (14) develop a standardized, easily understandable carbon label, if

appropriate, and create a process for responding to inaccuracies and misuses of such a label.

(c) Report to Congress- Not later than 5 years after the program is established pursuant to subsection (b), the Administrator shall report to Congress on the effectiveness and impact of the program, the level of voluntary participation, and any recommendations for additional measures.

(d) Definitions- As used in this section--

(1) the term ‘carbon content’ means the amount of greenhouse gas emissions and their warming impact on the atmosphere expressed in carbon dioxide equivalent associated with a product’s value chain;

(2) the term ‘carbon footprint’ means the level of greenhouse gas emissions produced by a particular activity, service, or entity; and

(3) the term ‘carbon lifecycle’ means the greenhouse gas emissions that are released as part of the processes of creating, producing, processing or manufacturing, modifying, transporting, distributing, storing, using, recycling, or disposing of goods and services.

(e) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator \$5,000,000 for the study required by subsection (a) and \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2025 for the program required under subsection (b).

SEC. 275. INDUSTRIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY EDUCATION AND TRAINING INITIATIVE.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Energy shall carry out a national education and awareness program for the purpose of informing building, facility, and industrial plant owners and managers and decisionmakers, government leaders, and industry leaders about the large energy-saving potential of greater use of mechanical insulation, and other benefits.

(b) Purpose and Goals-

(1) **PURPOSE-** The purpose of the initiative shall be to increase the energy efficiency of the commercial and industrial sectors through an ongoing program that will include--

- (A) education and training sessions;
- (B) Web-based information; and
- (C) advertising.

(2) **GOALS-** The goals of the initiative shall be to--

- (A) educate and motivate commercial building owners and industrial facility managers to utilize mechanical insulation in new and existing facilities;
- (B) preserve and create jobs while reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions;
- (C) create a safer working environment and make businesses more competitive in a global economy; and
- (D) motivate and empower the industry to make better use of mechanical insulation through awareness, education, and training.

(c) **Report-** Not later than July 1, 2013, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the extent by which the initiative has been enacted and the actual and projected effectiveness of the program under this section, including the energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, cost savings, and safety benefits at manufacturing facilities, power plants, refineries, hospitals, universities, government buildings, and other commercial and industrial locations.

(d) **Authorization of Appropriations-** There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to carry out this section. The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement, including grant funding, with an industry association and union

working collaboratively and having expertise on the installation, maintenance, measure of efficiencies and standards, and certification of mechanical insulation in buildings and facilities.

(e) Termination of Authority- The program carried out under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2014.

SEC. 276. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should--

(1) continue to actively promote, within the International Civil Aviation Organization, the development of a global framework for the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from civil aircraft that recognizes the uniquely international nature of the industry and treats commercial aviation industries in all countries fairly; and

(2) work with foreign governments towards a global agreement that reconciles foreign carbon emissions reduction programs to minimize duplicative requirements and avoids unnecessary complication for the aviation industry, while still achieving the environmental goals.

Subtitle H--Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods

SEC. 281. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the ‘Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009’ or the ‘GREEN Act of 2009’.

SEC. 282. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS- The term ‘green building standards’ means standards to require use of sustainable design principles to reduce the use of nonrenewable resources, encourage

energy-efficient construction and rehabilitation and the use of renewable energy resources, minimize the impact of development on the environment, and improve indoor air quality.

(2) HUD- The term ‘HUD’ means the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(3) HUD ASSISTANCE- The term ‘HUD assistance’ means financial assistance that is awarded, competitively or noncompetitively, allocated by formula, or provided by HUD through loan insurance or guarantee.

(4) NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE- The term ‘nonresidential structures’ means only nonresidential structures that are appurtenant to single-family or multifamily housing residential structures, or those that are funded by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development through the HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

(5) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’, unless otherwise specified, means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEC. 283. IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES FOR HUD PROGRAMS.

(a) In General- Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to establish annual energy efficiency participation incentives to encourage participants in programs administered by the Secretary, including recipients under programs for which HUD assistance is provided, to achieve substantial improvements in energy efficiency.

(b) Requirement for Appropriation of Funds- The requirement under subsection (a) for the Secretary to provide annual energy efficiency participation incentives pursuant to the provisions of this subtitle shall be subject to the annual appropriation of necessary funds.

SEC. 284. BASIC HUD ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

AND STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT.

(a) Basic HUD Standard-

(1) RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES- A residential single-family or multifamily structure shall be considered to comply with the energy efficiency standards under this subsection if--

(A) the structure complies with an energy efficiency building code that has been certified as in compliance with section 304 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6833) as amended by section 201 of this Act, or a national energy efficiency building code adopted pursuant to that section;

(B) the structure complies with the applicable provisions of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers Standard 90.1-2007, as such standard or successor standard is in effect for purposes of this section pursuant subsection (c);

(C) the structure complies with the applicable provisions of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, as such standard or successor standard is in effect for purposes of this section pursuant subsection (c);

(D) in the case only of an existing structure, where determined cost effective, the structure has undergone rehabilitation or improvements, completed after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the energy consumption for the structure has been reduced by at least 20 percent from the previous level of consumption, as determined in accordance with energy audits performed both before and after any rehabilitation or improvements undertaken to reduce such consumption; or

(E) the structure complies with the applicable provisions of such other energy efficiency requirements, standards, checklists, or ratings systems as the Secretary may adopt and apply by regulation,

as may be necessary, for purposes of this section for specific types of residential single-family or multifamily structures or otherwise, except that the Secretary shall make a determination regarding whether to adopt and apply any such requirements, standards, checklists, or rating system for purposes of this section not later than the expiration of the 180-day period beginning upon the date of receipt of any written request, made in such form as the Secretary shall provide, for such adoption and application.

In addition to compliance with any of subparagraphs (A) through (E), the Secretary shall by regulation require, for any newly constructed residential single-family or multifamily structure to be considered to comply with the energy efficiency standards under this subsection, that the structure have appropriate electrical outlets with the facility and capacity to recharge a standard electric passenger vehicle, including an electric hybrid vehicle, where such vehicle would normally be parked.

(2) **NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES-** For purposes of this section, the Secretary shall identify and adopt by regulation, as may be necessary, energy efficiency requirements, standards, checklists, or rating systems applicable to nonresidential structures that are constructed or rehabilitated with HUD assistance. A nonresidential structure shall be considered to comply with the energy efficiency standards under this subsection if the structure complies with the applicable provisions of any such energy efficiency requirements, standards, checklist, or rating systems identified and adopted by the Secretary pursuant to this paragraph, as such standards are in effect for purposes of this section pursuant to subsection (c).

(3) **EFFECT-** Nothing in this subsection may be construed to require any structure to comply with any standard established or adopted pursuant to this subsection, or identified in this subsection, or to provide any benefit or credit under any Federal program for any structure that complies with any such standard, except to the extent that--

(A) any provision of law other than this subsection provides a

benefit or credit under a Federal program for compliance with a standard established or adopted pursuant to this subsection, or identified in this subsection; or

(B) the Secretary specifically provides pursuant to subsection (c) for the applicability of such standard.

(b) Enhanced Energy Efficiency Standards for Purposes of Providing Additional Credit Under Certain Federally Assisted Housing Programs-

(1) PURPOSE AND EFFECT-

(A) PURPOSE- The purpose of this subsection is to establish energy efficiency and conservation standards and green building standards that--

(i) provide for greater energy efficiency and conservation in structures than is required for compliance with the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a) and then in effect;

(ii) provide for green and sustainable building standards not required by such standards; and

(iii) can be used in connection with Federal housing, housing finance, and development programs to provide incentives for greater energy efficiency and conservation and for green and sustainable building methods, elements, practices, and materials.

(B) EFFECT- Nothing in this subsection may be construed to require any structure to comply with any standard established pursuant to this subsection or to provide any benefit or credit under any Federal program for any structure, except to the extent that any provision of law other than this subsection provides a benefit or credit under a Federal program for compliance with a standard established pursuant to this subsection.

(2) **COMPLIANCE-** A residential or nonresidential structure shall be considered to comply with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards or the green building standards under this subsection, to the extent that such structure complies with the applicable provisions of the standards under paragraph (3) or (4), respectively (as such standards are in effect for purposes of this section, pursuant to paragraph (7)), in a manner that is not required for compliance with the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a) then in effect and subject to the Secretary's determination of which standards are applicable to which structures.

(3) **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STANDARDS-** The energy efficiency and conservation standards under this paragraph are as follows:

(A) **RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES-** With respect to residential structures:

(i) **NEW CONSTRUCTION-** For new construction, the Energy Star standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency, as such standards are in effect for purposes of this subsection pursuant to paragraph (7);

(ii) **EXISTING STRUCTURES-** For existing structures, a reduction in energy consumption from the previous level of consumption for the structure, as determined in accordance with energy audits performed both before and after any rehabilitation or improvements undertaken to reduce such consumption, that exceeds the reduction necessary for compliance with the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a) then in effect and applicable to existing structures.

(B) **NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES-** With respect to nonresidential structures, such energy efficiency and conservation requirements, standards, checklists, or rating systems for nonresidential structures as the Secretary shall identify and adopt by regulation, as may be necessary, for purposes of this paragraph.

(4) **GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS-** The green building standards under this paragraph are as follows:

(A) The national Green Communities criteria checklist for residential construction that provides criteria for the design, development, and operation of affordable housing, as such checklist or successor checklist is in effect for purposes of this section pursuant to paragraph (7).

(B) The gold certification level for the LEED for New Construction rating system, the LEED for Homes rating system, the LEED for Core and Shell rating system, as applicable, as such systems or successor systems are in effect for purposes of this section pursuant to paragraph (7).

(C) The Green Globes assessment and rating system of the Green Buildings Initiative.

(D) For manufactured housing, energy star rating with respect to fixtures, appliances, and equipment in such housing, as such standard or successor standard is in effect for purposes of this section pursuant to paragraph (7).

(E) The National Green Building Standard.

(F) Any other requirements, standards, checklists, or rating systems for green building or sustainability as the Secretary may identify and adopt by regulation, as may be necessary for purposes of this paragraph, except that the Secretary shall make a determination regarding whether to adopt and apply any such requirements, standards, checklist, or rating system for purposes of this section not later than the expiration of the 180-day period beginning upon date of receipt of any written request, made in such form as the Secretary shall provide, for such adoption and application.

(5) **GREEN BUILDING-** For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘green building’ means, with respect to standards for structures,

standards to require use of sustainable design principles to reduce the use of nonrenewable resources, minimize the impact of development on the environment, and to improve indoor air quality.

(6) ENERGY AUDITS- The Secretary shall establish standards and requirements for energy audits for purposes of paragraph (3)(A)(ii) and, in establishing such standards, may consult with any advisory committees established pursuant to section 285(c)(2) of this subtitle.

(7) APPLICABILITY AND UPDATING OF STANDARDS-

(A) APPLICABILITY- Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the requirements, standards, checklists, and rating systems referred to in this subsection that are in effect for purposes of this subsection are such requirements, standards, checklists, and systems as in existence upon the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) UPDATING- For purposes of this section, the Secretary may adopt and apply by regulation, as may be necessary, future amendments and supplements to, and editions of, the requirements, standards, checklists, and rating systems referred to in this subsection, including applicable energy efficiency building codes that are certified as in compliance with section 304 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6833) as amended by section 201 of this Act, or national energy efficiency building codes adopted pursuant to that section.

(c) Authority of Secretary To Apply Standards to Federally Assisted Housing and Programs-

(1) HUD HOUSING AND PROGRAMS- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may, by regulation, provide for the applicability of the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a) or the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards and green building standards under subsection (b), or both, with respect to any covered federally assisted housing described in paragraph (3)(A) or any HUD assistance, subject to minimum Federal codes or standards then in

effect.

(2) **RURAL HOUSING-** The Secretary of Agriculture may, by regulation, provide for the applicability of the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a) or the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards and green building standards under subsection (b), or both, with respect to any covered federally assisted housing described in paragraph (3)(B) or any assistance provided with respect to rural housing by the Rural Housing Service of the Department of Agriculture, subject to minimum Federal codes or standards then in effect.

(3) **COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING-** For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘covered federally assisted housing’ means--

(A) any residential or nonresidential structure for which any HUD assistance is provided; and

(B) any new construction of single-family housing (other than manufactured homes) subject to mortgages insured, guaranteed, or made by the Secretary of Agriculture under title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

SEC. 285. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS ASSISTED WITH PROJECT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) **Authority-** For multifamily housing projects for which project-based rental assistance is provided under a covered multifamily assistance program, the Secretary shall, subject to the availability of amounts provided in advance in appropriation Acts, carry out a program to demonstrate the effectiveness of funding a portion of the costs of meeting the enhanced energy efficiency standards under section 284(b). At the discretion of the Secretary, the demonstration program may include incentives for housing that is assisted with Indian housing block grants provided pursuant to the

Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, but only to the extent that such inclusion does not violate such Act, its regulations, and the goal of such Act of tribal self-determination.

(b) Goals- The demonstration program under this section shall be carried out in a manner that--

- (1) protects the financial interests of the Federal Government;
- (2) reduces the proportion of funds provided by the Federal Government and by owners and residents of multifamily housing projects that are used for costs of utilities for the projects;
- (3) encourages energy efficiency and conservation by owners and residents of multifamily housing projects and installation of renewable energy improvements, such as improvements providing for use of solar, wind, geothermal, or biomass energy sources;
- (4) creates incentives for project owners to carry out such energy efficiency renovations and improvements by allowing a portion of the savings in operating costs resulting from such renovations and improvements to be retained by the project owner, notwithstanding otherwise applicable limitations on dividends;
- (5) promotes the installation, in existing residential buildings, of energy-efficient and cost-effective improvements and renewable energy improvements, such as improvements providing for use of solar, wind, geothermal, or biomass energy sources;
- (6) tests the efficacy of a variety of energy efficiency measures for multifamily housing projects of various sizes and in various geographic locations;
- (7) tests methods for addressing the various, and often competing, incentives that impede owners and residents of multifamily housing projects from working together to achieve energy efficiency or conservation; and

(8) creates a database of energy efficiency and conservation, and renewable energy, techniques, energy-savings management practices, and energy efficiency and conservation financing vehicles.

(c) Approaches- In carrying out the demonstration program under this section, the Secretary may--

(1) enter into agreements with the Building America Program of the Department of Energy and other consensus committees under which such programs, partnerships, or committees assume some or all of the functions, obligations, and benefits of the Secretary with respect to energy savings;

(2) establish advisory committees to advise the Secretary and any such third-party partners on technological and other developments in the area of energy efficiency and the creation of an energy efficiency and conservation credit facility and other financing opportunities, which committees shall include representatives of homebuilders, realtors, architects, nonprofit housing organizations, environmental protection organizations, renewable energy organizations, and advocacy organizations for the elderly and persons with disabilities; any advisory committees established pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.);

(3) approve, for a period not to exceed 10 years, additional adjustments in the maximum monthly rents or additional project rental assistance, or additional Indian housing block grant funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as applicable, for dwelling units in multifamily housing projects that are provided project-based rental assistance under a covered multifamily assistance program, in such amounts as may be necessary to amortize a portion of the cost of energy efficiency and conservation measures for such projects;

(4) develop a competitive process for the award of such additional assistance for multifamily housing projects seeking to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy sources, or conservation measures; and

(5) waive or modify any existing statutory or regulatory provision that would otherwise impair the implementation or effectiveness of the demonstration program under this section, including provisions relating to methods for rent adjustments, comparability standards, maximum rent schedules, and utility allowances; notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this paragraph, the Secretary may not waive any statutory requirement relating to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, or the environment, except pursuant to existing authority to waive nonstatutory environmental and other applicable requirements.

(d) Requirement- During the 4-year period beginning 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall carry out demonstration programs under this section with respect to not fewer than 50,000 dwelling units.

(e) Selection-

(1) SCOPE- In order to provide a broad and representative profile for use in designing a program which can become operational and effective nationwide, the Secretary shall carry out the demonstration program under this section with respect to dwelling units located in a wide variety of geographic areas and project types assisted by the various covered multifamily assistance programs and using a variety of energy efficiency and conservation and funding techniques to reflect differences in climate, types of dwelling units and technical and scientific methodologies, and financing options. The Secretary shall ensure that the geographic areas included in the demonstration program include dwelling units on Indian lands (as such term is defined in section 2601 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (25 U.S.C. 3501), to the extent that dwelling units on Indian land have the type of residential structures that are the focus of the demonstration program.

(2) PRIORITY- The Secretary shall provide priority for selection for participation in the program under this section based on the extent to which, as a result of assistance provided, the project will comply with the energy efficiency standards under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of

section 284 of this subtitle.

(f) Use of Existing Partnerships- To the extent feasible, the Secretary shall--

(1) utilize the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in carrying out the requirements of this section and to provide education and outreach regarding the demonstration program authorized under this section; and

(2) consult with the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Secretary of the Army regarding utilizing the Building America Program of the Department of Energy, the Energy Star Program, and the Army Corps of Engineers, respectively, to determine the manner in which they might assist in carrying out the goals of this section and providing education and outreach regarding the demonstration program authorized under this section.

(g) Limitation- No amounts made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) may be used to carry out the demonstration program under this section.

(h) Reports-

(1) ANNUAL- Not later than the expiration of the 2-year beginning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, and for each year thereafter during the term of the demonstration program, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress annually that describes and assesses the demonstration program under this section.

(2) FINAL- Not later than 6 months after the expiration of the 4-year period described in subsection (d), the Secretary shall submit a final report to the Congress assessing the demonstration program, which--

(A) shall assess the potential for expanding the demonstration program on a nationwide basis; and

(B) shall include descriptions of--

- (i) the size of each multifamily housing project for which assistance was provided under the program;
- (ii) the geographic location of each project assisted, by State and region;
- (iii) the criteria used to select the projects for which assistance is provided under the program;
- (iv) the energy efficiency and conservation measures and financing sources used for each project that is assisted under the program;
- (v) the difference, before and during participation in the demonstration program, in the amount of the monthly assistance payments under the covered multifamily assistance program for each project assisted under the program;
- (vi) the average length of the term of the such assistance provided under the program for a project;
- (vii) the aggregate amount of savings generated by the demonstration program and the amount of savings expected to be generated by the program over time on a per-unit and aggregate program basis;
- (viii) the functions performed in connection with the implementation of the demonstration program that were transferred or contracted out to any third parties;
- (ix) an evaluation of the overall successes and failures of the demonstration program; and
- (x) recommendations for any actions to be taken as a result of the such successes and failures.

(3) CONTENTS- Each annual report pursuant to paragraph (1) and the final report pursuant to paragraph (2) shall include--

(A) a description of the status of each multifamily housing project selected for participation in the demonstration program under this section; and

(B) findings from the program and recommendations for any legislative actions.

(i) Covered Multifamily Assistance Program- For purposes of this section, the term ‘covered multifamily assistance program’ means--

(1) the program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) for project-based rental assistance;

(2) the program under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) for assistance for supportive housing for the elderly;

(3) the program under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013) for supportive housing for persons with disabilities;

(4) the program under section 236 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1 for assistance for rental housing projects;

(5) the program under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) for rural rental housing; and

(6) the program for assistance under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111).

(j) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, including providing rent adjustments, additional project rental assistance, and incentives, \$50,000,000 for each fiscal year in which the demonstration program under this section is carried out.

(k) Regulations- Not later than the expiration of the 180-day period

beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 286. ADDITIONAL CREDIT FOR FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC HOUSING GOALS FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES.

Section 1336(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4566(a)), as amended by the Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289; 122 Stat. 2654), is amended--

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘paragraph (5)’ and inserting ‘paragraphs (5) and (6)’; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(6) ADDITIONAL CREDIT-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- In assigning credit toward achievement under this section of the housing goals for mortgage purchase activities of the enterprises, the Director shall assign--

‘(i) more than 125 percent credit, for any such purchase that both--

‘(I) complies with the requirements of such goals; and

‘(II)(aa) supports housing that meets the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009; or

‘(bb) is a location-efficient mortgage, as such term is defined in section 1335(e); and

‘(ii) credit in addition to credit under clause (i), for any such purchase that both--

‘(I) complies with the requirements of such goals, and

‘(II) supports housing that complies with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, or the green building standards, under section 284(b) of such Act, or both,

and such additional credit shall be given based on the extent to which the housing supported with such purchases complies with such standards.

‘(B) TREATMENT OF ADDITIONAL CREDIT- The availability of additional credit under this paragraph shall not be used to increase any housing goal, subgoal, or target established under this subpart.’.

SEC. 287. DUTY TO SERVE UNDERSERVED MARKETS FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES.

Section 1335 of Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4565), as amended by the Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289; 122 Stat. 2654), is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

‘(D) MARKETS FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES-

‘(i) DUTY- Subject to clause (ii), the enterprise shall

develop loan products and flexible underwriting guidelines to facilitate a secondary market for energy-efficient and location-efficient mortgages on housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families, and for second and junior mortgages made for purposes of energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements, or both.

‘(ii) **AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND**- Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Director may suspend the applicability of the requirement under clause (i) with respect to an enterprise, for such period as is necessary, if the Director determines that exigent circumstances exist and such suspension is appropriate to ensure the safety and soundness of the portfolio holdings of the enterprise.’;

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(e) **Definitions**- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

‘(1) **ENERGY-EFFICIENT MORTGAGE**- The term ‘energy-efficient mortgage’ means a mortgage loan under which the income of the borrower, for purposes of qualification for such loan, is considered to be increased by not less than \$1 for each \$1 of savings projected to be realized by the borrower as a result of cost-effective energy-saving design, construction or improvements (including use of renewable energy sources, such as solar, geothermal, biomass, and wind, super-insulation, energy-saving windows, insulating glass and film, and radiant barrier) for the home for which the loan is made.

‘(2) **LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGE**- The term ‘location-efficient mortgage’ means a mortgage loan under which--

‘(A) the income of the borrower, for purposes of qualification for such loan, is considered to be increased by not less than \$1 for each \$1 of savings projected to be realized by the borrower because the location of the home for which loan is made will result in decreased transportation costs for the household of the borrower; or

‘(B) the sum of the principal, interest, taxes, and insurance due under the mortgage loan is decreased by not less than \$1 for each \$1 of savings projected to be realized by the borrower because the location of the home for which loan is made will result in decreased transportation costs for the household of the borrower.’.

SEC. 288. CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY UNDER FHA MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAMS AND NATIVE AMERICAN AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS.

(a) FHA Mortgage Insurance-

(1) REQUIREMENT- Title V of the National Housing Act is amended by adding after section 542 (12 U.S.C. 1735f-20) the following new section:

‘SEC. 543. CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

‘(a) Underwriting Standards- The Secretary shall establish a method to consider, in its underwriting standards for mortgages on single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are insured under this Act, the impact that savings on utility costs has on the income of the mortgagor.

‘(b) Goal- It is the sense of the Congress that, in carrying out this Act, the Secretary should endeavor to insure mortgages on single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 such that at least 50,000 such mortgages are insured during the period beginning upon the date of the enactment of such Act and ending on December 31, 2012.’.

(2) REPORTING ON DEFAULTS- Section 540(b) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735f-18(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(3) With respect to each collection period that commences after December 31, 2011, the total number of mortgages on single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are insured by the Secretary during the applicable collection period, the number of defaults and foreclosures occurring on such mortgages during such period, the percentage of the total of such mortgages insured during such period on which defaults and foreclosure occurred, and the rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on such mortgages compared to the overall rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on mortgages for single-family housing insured under this Act by the Secretary.’.

(b) Indian Housing Loan Guarantees-

(1) REQUIREMENT- Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a) is amended--

(A) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection (m); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (k) the following new subsection:

‘(l) Consideration of Energy Efficiency- The Secretary shall establish a method to consider, in its underwriting standards for loans for single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are guaranteed under this section, the impact that savings on utility costs has on the income of the borrower.’.

(2) REPORTING ON DEFAULTS- Section 540(b) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735f-18(b)), as amended by subsection (a)(2) of this section, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(4) With respect to each collection period that commences after December 31, 2011, the total number of loans guaranteed under section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13a) on single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are guaranteed by the Secretary during the applicable collection period, the number of defaults and foreclosures occurring on such loans during such period, the percentage of the total of such loans guaranteed during such period on which defaults and foreclosure occurred, and the rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on such loans compared to the overall rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on loans for single-family housing guaranteed under such section 184 by the Secretary.’.

(c) Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantees-

(1) REQUIREMENT- Section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13b) is amended by inserting after subsection (l) the following new subsection:

‘(m) Energy-efficient Housing Requirement- The Secretary shall

establish a method to consider, in its underwriting standards for loans for single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are guaranteed under this section, the impact that savings on utility costs has on the income of the borrower.’.

(2) REPORTING ON DEFAULTS- Section 540(b) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735f-18(b)), as amended by the preceding provisions of this section, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(5) With respect to each collection period that commences after December 31, 2011, the total number of loans guaranteed under section 184A of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1715z-13b) on single-family housing meeting the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 that are guaranteed by the Secretary during the applicable collection period, the number of defaults and foreclosures occurring on such loans during such period, the percentage of the total of such loans guaranteed during such period on which defaults and foreclosure occurred, and the rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on such loans compared to the overall rate for such period of defaults and foreclosures on loans for single-family housing guaranteed under such section 184A by the Secretary.’.

SEC. 289. ENERGY-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.

Section 106 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 1701z-16) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(g) Education and Outreach Campaign-

‘(1) DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY- AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES OUTREACH PROGRAM-

‘(A) COMMISSION- The Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish a commission to develop and recommend model mortgage products and underwriting guidelines that provide market-based incentives to prospective home buyers, lenders, and sellers to incorporate energy efficiency upgrades and location efficiencies in new mortgage loan transactions.

‘(B) REPORT- Not later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide a written report to the Congress on the results of work of the commission established pursuant to subparagraph (A) and that identifies model mortgage products and underwriting guidelines that may encourage energy and location efficiency.

‘(2) IMPLEMENTATION- After submission of the report under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Education, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall carry out a public awareness, education, and outreach campaign based on the findings of the commission established pursuant to paragraph (1) to inform and educate residential lenders and prospective borrowers regarding the availability, benefits, advantages, and terms of energy-efficient mortgages and location-efficient mortgages made available pursuant to this section, energy-efficient and location-efficient mortgages that meet the requirements of section 1335 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 4565), and other mortgages, including mortgages for

multifamily housing, that have energy improvement features or location efficiency features and to publicize such availability, benefits, advantages, and terms. Such actions may include entering into a contract with an appropriate entity to publicize and market such mortgages through appropriate media.

‘(3) RENEWABLE ENERGY HOME PRODUCT EXPOS-

The Congress hereby encourages the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to work with appropriate entities to organize and hold renewable energy expositions that provide an opportunity for the public to view and learn about renewable energy products for the home that are currently on the market.

‘(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.’.

SEC. 290. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION ON ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND LOCATION-EFFICIENT MORTGAGES THROUGH HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE ACT.

(a) In General- Section 304(b) of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 (12 U.S.C. 2803(b)) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking ‘and’ at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

‘(5) the number and dollar amount of mortgage loans for single-family housing and for multifamily housing that are energy-efficient mortgages (as such term is defined in section 1335 of Housing and Community Development Act of 1992); and

‘(6) the number and dollar amount of mortgage loans for single-family housing and for multifamily housing that are location-efficient mortgages (as such term is defined in section 1335 of Housing and Community Development Act of 1992).’.

(b) Applicability- The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to the first calendar year that begins after the expiration of the 30-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 291. ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE FOR HOMES NOT CONNECTED TO ELECTRICITY GRID.

(a) Congressional Intent- The Congress intends that--

(1) consumers shall not be denied homeowners insurance for a dwelling (as such term is defined in subsection (c)) based solely on the fact that the dwelling is not connected to or able to receive electricity service from any wholesale or retail electric power provider;

(2) States should ensure that consumers are able to obtain homeowners insurance for such dwellings;

(3) States should support insurers that develop voluntary incentives to provide such insurance; and

(4) States may not prohibit insurers from offering a homeowners insurance product specifically designed for such dwellings.

(b) Insuring Homes and Related Property in Indian Areas- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, dwellings located in Indian areas (as such term is defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) and constructed or maintained using assistance, loan guarantees, or other authority under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 may be insured by any tribally owned self-insurance risk pool approved by

the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(c) Dwelling- For purposes of this section, the term ‘dwelling’ means a residential structure that--

- (1) consists of one to four dwelling units;
- (2) is provided electricity from renewable energy sources; and
- (3) is not connected to any wholesale or retail electrical power grid.

SEC. 292. MORTGAGE INCENTIVES FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING.

(a) In General- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall establish incentives for increasing the energy efficiency of multifamily housing that is subject to a mortgage to be insured under title II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.) so that the housing meets the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of this subtitle and incentives to encourage compliance of such housing with the energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of this subtitle, to the extent that such incentives are based on the impact that savings on utility costs has on the operating costs of the housing, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) Incentives- Such incentives may include, for any such multifamily housing that complies with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a)--

- (1) providing a discount on the chargeable premiums for the mortgage insurance for such housing from the amount otherwise chargeable for such mortgage insurance;
- (2) allowing mortgages to exceed the dollar amount limits otherwise applicable under law to the extent such additional amounts are used to finance improvements or measures designed to meet the standards referred to in subsection (a); and

(3) reducing the amount that the owner of such multifamily housing meeting the standards referred to in subsection (a) is required to contribute.

SEC. 293. ENERGY-EFFICIENT CERTIFICATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING WITH MORTGAGES.

Section 526 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1735f-4(a)) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)--

(A) by striking ‘, other than manufactured homes,’ each place such term appears;

(B) by inserting after the period at the end the following: ‘The energy performance requirements developed and established by the Secretary under this section for manufactured homes shall require energy star rating for wall fixtures, appliances, and equipment in such housing.’;

(C) by inserting ‘(1)’ after ‘(a)’; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

‘(2) The Secretary shall require, with respect to any single- or multifamily residential housing subject to a mortgage insured under this Act, that any approval or certification of the housing for meeting any energy efficiency or conservation criteria, standards, or requirements pursuant to this title and any approval or certification required pursuant to this title with respect to energy-conserving improvements or any renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar energy geothermal, or biomass, shall be conducted only by an individual certified by a home energy rating system provider who has been accredited to conduct such ratings by the Home Energy Ratings System Council, the Residential Energy Services Network,

or such other appropriate national organization, as the Secretary may provide, or by licensed professional architect or engineer. If any organization makes a request to the Secretary for approval to accredit individuals to conduct energy efficiency or conservation ratings, the Secretary shall review and approve or disapprove such request not later than the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon receipt of such request.

‘(3) The Secretary shall periodically examine the method used to conduct inspections for compliance with the requirements under this section, analyze various other approaches for conducting such inspections, and review the costs and benefits of the current method compared with other methods.’; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking ‘, other than a manufactured home,’.

SEC. 294. ASSISTED HOUSING ENERGY LOAN PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) Authority- Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop and implement a pilot program under this section to facilitate the financing of cost-effective capital improvements for covered assisted housing projects to improve the energy efficiency and conservation of such projects.

(b) Loans- The pilot program under this section shall involve not less than three and not more than five lenders, and shall provide for a privately financed loan to be made for a covered assisted housing project, which shall--

(1) finance capital improvements for the project that meet such requirements as the Secretary shall establish, and may involve contracts with third parties to perform such capital improvements, including the design of such improvements by licensed professional architects or engineers;

(2) have a term to maturity of not more than 20 years, which shall be based upon the duration necessary to realize cost savings sufficient to repay the loan;

(3) be secured by a mortgage subordinate to the mortgage for the project that is insured under the National Housing Act; and

(4) provide for a reduction in the remaining principal obligation under the loan based on the actual resulting cost savings realized from the capital improvements financed with the loan.

(c) Underwriting Standards- The Secretary shall establish underwriting requirements for loans made under the pilot program under this section, which shall--

(1) require the cost savings projected to be realized from the capital improvements financed with the loan, during the term of the loan, to exceed the costs of repaying the loan;

(2) allow the designer or contractor involved in designing capital improvements to be financed with a loan under the program to carry out such capital improvements; and

(3) include such energy, audit, property, financial, ownership, and approval requirements as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) Treatment of Savings- The pilot program under this section shall provide that the project owner shall receive the full financial benefit from any reduction in the cost of utilities resulting from capital improvements financed with a loan made under the program.

(e) Covered Assisted Housing Projects- For purposes of this section, the term 'covered assisted housing project' means a housing project that--

(1) is financed by a loan or mortgage that is--

(A) insured by the Secretary under--

(i) subsection (d)(3) of section 221 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715l), and bears interest at a rate determined under the proviso of section 221(d)(5) of such Act; or

(ii) subsection (d)(4) of such section 221.

(B) insured or assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715z-1);

(2) at the time a loan under this section is made, is provided project-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) for 50 percent or more of the dwelling units in the project; and

(3) is not a housing project owned or held by the Secretary, or subject to a mortgage held by the Secretary.

SEC. 295. MAKING IT GREEN.

(a) **Partnerships With Tree-planting Organizations-** The Secretary shall establish and provide incentives for developers of housing for which any HUD financial assistance, as determined by the Secretary, is provided for development, maintenance, operation, or other costs, to enter into agreements and partnerships with tree-planting organizations, nurseries, and landscapers to certify that trees, shrubs, grasses, and other plants are planted in the proper manner, are provided adequate maintenance, and survive for at least 3 years after planting or are replaced. The financial assistance determined by the Secretary as eligible under this section shall take into consideration such factors as cost effectiveness and affordability.

(b) **Making It Green Plan-** In the case of any new or substantially rehabilitated housing for which HUD financial assistance, as determined in accordance with subsection (a), is provided by the Secretary for the development, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, improvement, operation, or costs of the housing, including financial assistance provided through the Community Development Block Grant program under title I of

the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), the Secretary shall require the development of a plan that provides for--

- (1) in the case of new construction and improvements, siting of such housing and improvements in a manner that provides for energy efficiency and conservation to the extent feasible, taking into consideration location and project type;
- (2) minimization of the effects of construction, rehabilitation, or other development on the condition of existing trees;
- (3) selection and installation of indigenous trees, shrubs, grasses, and other plants based upon applicable design guidelines and standards of the International Society for Arboriculture;
- (4) post-planting care and maintenance of the landscaping relating to or affected by the housing in accordance with best management practices; and
- (5) establishment of a goal for minimum greenspace or tree canopy cover for the housing site for which such financial assistance is provided, including guidelines and timetables within which to achieve compliance with such minimum requirements.

(c) Partnerships- In carrying out this section, the Secretary is encouraged to consult, as appropriate, with national organizations dedicated to providing housing assistance and related services to low-income families, such as the Alliance for Community Trees and its affiliates, the American Nursery and Landscape Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, and the National Arbor Day Foundation.

SEC. 296. RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.

5301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**‘SEC. 123. RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

‘(a) In General- To the extent amounts are made available for grants under this section, the Secretary shall make grants under this section to States, metropolitan cities and urban counties, Indian tribes, and insular areas to carry out energy efficiency improvements in new and existing single-family and multifamily housing.

‘(b) Allocations-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Of the total amount made available for each fiscal year for grants under this section that remains after reserving amounts pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allocate for insular areas, for metropolitan cities and urban counties, and for States, an amount that bears the same ratio to such total amount as the amount allocated for such fiscal year under section 106 for Indian tribes, for insular areas, for metropolitan cities and urban counties, and for States, respectively, bears to the total amount made available for such fiscal year for grants under section 106.

‘(2) SET ASIDE FOR INDIAN TRIBES- Of the total amount made available for each fiscal year for grants under this section, the Secretary shall allocate not less than 1 percent to Indian tribes.

‘(c) Grant Amounts-

‘(1) ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITIES- From the amounts allocated pursuant to subsection (b) for metropolitan cities and urban counties for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall make a grant for such fiscal year to each metropolitan city and urban county that complies with the requirement under subsection (d),

in the amount that bears the same ratio such total amount so allocated as the amount of the grant for such fiscal year under section 106 for such metropolitan city or urban county bears to the aggregate amount of all grants for such fiscal year under section 106 for all metropolitan cities and urban counties.

‘(2) STATES- From the amounts allocated pursuant to subsection (b) for States for each fiscal year, the Secretary shall make a grant for such fiscal year to each State that complies with the requirement under subsection (d), in the amount that bears the same ratio such total amount so allocated as the amount of the grant for such fiscal year under section 106 for such State bears to the aggregate amount of all grants for such fiscal year under section 106 for all States. Grant amounts received by a State shall be used only for eligible activities under subsection (e) carried out in nonentitlement areas of the State.

‘(3) INDIAN TRIBES- From the amounts allocated pursuant to subsection (b) for Indian tribes, the Secretary shall make grants to Indian tribes that comply with the requirement under subsection (d) on the basis of a competition conducted pursuant to specific criteria, as the Secretary shall establish by regulation, for the selection of Indian tribes to receive such amount.

‘(4) INSULAR AREAS- From the amounts allocated pursuant to subsection (b) for insular areas, the Secretary shall make a grant to each insular area that complies with the requirement under subsection (d) on the basis of the ratio of the population of the insular area to the aggregate population of all insular areas. In determining the distribution of amounts to insular areas, the Secretary may also include other statistical criteria as data become available from the Bureau of Census of the Department of Labor, but only if such criteria are set forth by regulation issued after notice and an opportunity for comment.

‘(d) Statement of Activities-

‘(1) REQUIREMENT- Before receipt the receipt in any fiscal year of a grant under subsection (c) by any grantee, the grantee shall have prepared a final statement of housing energy efficiency objectives and projected use of funds as the Secretary shall require and shall have provided the Secretary with such certifications regarding such objectives and use as the Secretary may require. In the case of metropolitan cities, urban counties, units of general local government, and insular areas receiving grants, the statement of projected use of funds shall consist of proposed housing energy efficiency activities. In the case of States receiving grants, the statement of projected use of funds shall consist of the method by which the States will distribute funds to units of general local government.

‘(2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- The Secretary may establish requirements to ensure the public availability of information regarding projected use of grant amounts and public participation in determining such projected use.

‘(e) Eligible Activities-

‘(1) REQUIREMENT- Amounts from a grant under this section may be used only to carry out activities for single-family or multifamily housing that are designed to improve the energy efficiency of the housing so that the housing complies with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009, including such activities to provide energy for such housing from renewable sources, such as wind, waves, solar, biomass, and geothermal sources.

‘(2) PREFERENCE FOR COMPLIANCE BEYOND BASIC REQUIREMENTS- In selecting activities to be funded with amounts from a grant under this section, a grantee shall give more preference to activities based on the extent to which the

activities will result in compliance by the housing with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of such Act.

‘(f) Reports- Each grantee of a grant under this section for a fiscal year shall submit to the Secretary, at a time determined by the Secretary, a performance and evaluation report concerning the use of grant amounts, which shall contain an assessment by the grantee of the relationship of such use to the objectives identified in the grantees statement under subsection (d).

‘(g) Applicability of CDBG Provisions- Sections 109, 110, and 111 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5309, 5310, 5311) shall apply to assistance received under this section to the same extent and in the same manner that such sections apply to assistance received under title I of such Act.

‘(h) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section \$2,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter.’.

SEC. 297. INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES IN COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIES.

Section 105(b) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705(b)) is amended--

- (1) by striking ‘and’ at the end of paragraph (19);
- (2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (20) and inserting ‘; and’;
- (3) and by inserting after paragraph (20) the following new paragraphs:

‘(21) describe the jurisdiction’s strategies to encourage sustainable development for affordable housing, including single-family and multifamily housing, as measured by--

‘(A) greater energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources, including any strategies regarding compliance with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009 and with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of such Act;

‘(B) increased conservation, recycling, and reuse of resources;

‘(C) more effective use of existing infrastructure;

‘(D) use of building materials and methods that are healthier for residents of the housing, including use of building materials that are free of added known carcinogens that are classified as Group 1 Known Carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer; and

‘(E) such other criteria as the Secretary determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, are in accordance with the purposes of this paragraph; and

‘(22) describe the jurisdiction’s efforts to coordinate its housing strategy with its transportation planning strategies to ensure to the extent practicable that residents of affordable housing have access to public transportation.’.

SEC. 298. GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE SUSTAINABLE LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY.

(a) In General- The Secretary may make grants to nonprofit organizations to use for any of the following purposes:

(1) Training, educating, supporting, or advising an eligible community development organization or qualified youth service and conservation corps in improving energy efficiency, resource conservation and reuse, design strategies to maximize energy efficiency, installing or constructing renewable energy improvements (such as wind, wave, solar, biomass, and geothermal energy sources), and effective use of existing infrastructure in affordable housing and economic development activities in low-income communities, taking into consideration energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of this subtitle and with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of this subtitle.

(2) Providing loans, grants, or predevelopment assistance to eligible community development organizations or qualified youth service and conservation corps to carry out energy efficiency improvements that comply with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of this subtitle, resource conservation and reuse, and effective use of existing infrastructure in affordable housing and economic development activities in low-income communities. In providing assistance under this paragraph, the Secretary shall give more preference to activities based on the extent to which the activities will result in compliance with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of this subtitle.

(3) Such other purposes as the Secretary determines are in accordance with the purposes of this subsection.

(b) Application Requirement- To be eligible for a grant under this section, a nonprofit organization shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) Award of Contracts- Contracts for architectural or engineering services funded with amounts from grants made under this section shall be awarded in accordance with chapter 11 of title 40, United States Code (relating to selection of architects and engineers).

(d) Matching Requirement- A grant made under this section may not exceed the amount that the nonprofit organization receiving the grant certifies, to the Secretary, will be provided (in cash or in-kind) from nongovernmental sources to carry out the purposes for which the grant is made.

(e) Definitions- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) The term ‘nonprofit organization’ has the meaning given such term in section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704).

(2) The term ‘eligible community development organization’ means--

(A) a unit of general local government (as defined in section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704));

(B) a community housing development organization (as defined in section 104 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704));

(C) an Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity (as such terms are defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103));
or

(D) a public housing agency, as such term is defined in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437(b)).

(3) The term ‘low-income community’ means a census tract in which 50 percent or more of the households have an income which is less than 80

percent of the greater of--

(A) the median gross income for such year for the area in which such census tract is located; or

(B) the median gross income for such year for the State in which such census tract is located.

(f) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

SEC. 299. HOPE VI GREEN DEVELOPMENTS REQUIREMENT.

(a) Mandatory Component- Section 24(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(4) GREEN DEVELOPMENTS REQUIREMENT-

‘(A) REQUIREMENT- The Secretary may not make a grant under this section to an applicant unless the proposed revitalization plan of the applicant to be carried out with such grant amounts meets the following requirements:

‘(i) GREEN COMMUNITIES CRITERIA

CHECKLIST- All residential construction under the proposed plan complies with the national Green Communities criteria checklist for residential construction that provides criteria for the design, development, and operation of affordable housing, as such checklist is in effect for purposes of this paragraph pursuant to subparagraph (D) at the date of the application for the grant, or any substantially equivalent standard or standards as determined by the

Secretary, as follows:

‘(I) The proposed plan shall comply with all items of the national Green Communities criteria checklist for residential construction that are identified as mandatory.

‘(II) The proposed plan shall comply with such other nonmandatory items of such national Green Communities criteria checklist so as to result in a cumulative number of points attributable to such nonmandatory items under such checklist of not less than--

‘(aa) 25 points, in the case of any proposed plan (or portion thereof) consisting of new construction; and

‘(bb) 20 points, in the case of any proposed plan (or portion thereof) consisting of rehabilitation.

‘(ii) GREEN BUILDINGS CERTIFICATION SYSTEM- All nonresidential construction under the proposed plan complies with all minimum required levels of the green building rating systems and levels identified by the Secretary pursuant to subparagraph (C), as such systems and levels are in effect for purposes of this paragraph pursuant to subparagraph (D) at the time of the application for the grant.

‘(B) VERIFICATION-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall verify, or provide for verification, sufficient to ensure that each proposed revitalization plan carried out with amounts from a grant under this section complies with the requirements under subparagraph (A) and that the revitalization plan is carried out in accordance with

such requirements and plan.

‘(ii) TIMING- In providing for such verification, the Secretary shall establish procedures to ensure such compliance with respect to each grantee, and shall report to the Congress with respect to the compliance of each grantee, at each of the following times:

‘(I) Not later than 6 months after execution of the grant agreement under this section for the grantee.

‘(II) Upon completion of the revitalization plan of the grantee.

‘(C) IDENTIFICATION OF GREEN BUILDINGS RATING SYSTEMS AND LEVELS-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- For purposes of this paragraph, the Secretary shall identify rating systems and levels for green buildings that the Secretary determines to be the most likely to encourage a comprehensive and environmentally sound approach to ratings and standards for green buildings. The identification of the ratings systems and levels shall be based on the criteria specified in clause (ii), shall identify the highest levels the Secretary determines are appropriate above the minimum levels required under the systems selected. Within 90 days of the completion of each study required by clause (iii), the Secretary shall review and update the rating systems and levels, or identify alternative systems and levels for purposes of this paragraph, taking into account the conclusions of such study.

‘(ii) CRITERIA- In identifying the green rating systems and levels, the Secretary shall take into consideration--

‘(I) the ability and availability of assessors and auditors to independently verify the criteria and measurement of metrics at the scale necessary to implement this paragraph;

‘(II) the ability of the applicable ratings system organizations to collect and reflect public comment;

‘(III) the ability of the standards to be developed and revised through a consensus-based process;

‘(IV) An evaluation of the robustness of the criteria for a high-performance green building, which shall give credit for promoting--

‘(aa) efficient and sustainable use of water, energy, and other natural resources;

‘(bb) use of renewable energy sources;

‘(cc) improved indoor and outdoor environmental quality through enhanced indoor and outdoor air quality, thermal comfort, acoustics, outdoor noise pollution, day lighting, pollutant source control, sustainable landscaping, and use of building system controls and low- or no-emission materials, including preference for materials with no added carcinogens that are classified as Group 1 Known Carcinogens by the International Agency for Research on Cancer; and

‘(dd) such other criteria as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

‘(V) national recognition within the building industry.

‘(iii) 5-year EVALUATION- At least once every 5 years, the Secretary shall conduct a study to evaluate

and compare available third-party green building rating systems and levels, taking into account the criteria listed in clause (ii).

‘(D) APPLICABILITY AND UPDATING OF STANDARDS-

‘(i) APPLICABILITY- Except as provided in clause (ii) of this subparagraph, the national Green Communities criteria checklist and green building rating systems and levels referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) that are in effect for purposes of this paragraph are such checklist systems, and levels as in existence upon the date of the enactment of the Green Resources for Energy Efficient Neighborhoods Act of 2009.

‘(ii) UPDATING- The Secretary may, by regulation, adopt and apply, for purposes of this paragraph, future amendments and supplements to, and editions of, the national Green Communities criteria checklist, any standard or standards that the Secretary has determined to be substantially equivalent to such checklist, and the green building ratings systems and levels identified by the Secretary pursuant to subparagraph (C).’.

(b) Selection Criteria; Graded Component- Section 24(e)(2) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437v(e)(2)) is amended--

(1) in subparagraph (K), by striking ‘and’ at the end;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (L) as subparagraph (M);
and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (K) the following new subparagraph:

‘(L) the extent to which the proposed revitalization plan--

‘(i) in the case of residential construction, complies with the nonmandatory items of the national Green Communities criteria checklist identified in paragraph (4)(A)(i), or any substantially equivalent standard or standards as determined by the Secretary, but only to the extent such compliance exceeds the compliance necessary to accumulate the number of points required under such paragraph; and

‘(ii) in the case of nonresidential construction, complies with the components of the green building rating systems and levels identified by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (4)(C), but only to the extent such compliance exceeds the minimum level required under such systems and levels; and’.

SEC. 299A. CONSIDERATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS IN APPRAISALS.

(a) Appraisals in Connection With Federally Related Transactions--

(1) REQUIREMENT- Section 1110 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3339) is amended--

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘and’ at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

‘(2) that such appraisals be performed in accordance with appraisal standards that require, in determining the value of a property, consideration of any renewable energy sources for, or energy efficiency or energy-conserving improvements or

features of, the property; and’.

(2) REVISION OF APPRAISAL STANDARDS- Each Federal financial institutions regulatory agency shall, not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, revise its standards for the performance of real estate appraisals in connection with federally related transactions under the jurisdiction of the agency to comply with the requirement under the amendments made by paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) Appraiser Certification and Licensing Requirements- Section 1116 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3345) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ‘, and meets the requirements established pursuant to subsection (f) for qualifications regarding consideration of any renewable energy sources for, or energy efficiency or energy-conserving improvements or features of, the property’;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ‘, which shall include compliance with the requirements established pursuant to subsection (f) regarding consideration of any renewable energy sources for, or energy efficiency or energy-conserving improvements or features of, the property’;

(3) in subsection (e), by striking ‘The’ and inserting ‘Except as provided in subsection (f), the’; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(f) Requirements for Appraisers Regarding Energy Efficiency Features- The Appraisal Subcommittee shall establish requirements for State certification of State certified real estate appraisers and for State licensing of State licensed appraisers, to ensure that appraisers consider and are qualified to consider, in determining the value of a property, any renewable energy sources for, or energy efficiency or

energy-conserving improvements or features of, the property.’.

(c) Guidelines for Appraising Photovoltaic Measures and Training of Appraisers- Section 1122 of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 3351) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(g) Guidelines for Appraising Photovoltaic Measures and Training of Appraisers- The Appraisal Subcommittee shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, establish specific guidelines for--

‘(1) appraising off- and on-grid photovoltaic measures for compliance with the appraisal standards prescribed pursuant to section 1110(2);

‘(2) requirements under section 1116(f) for certification of State certified real estate appraisers and for State licensing of State licensed appraisers, to ensure that appraisers consider, and are qualified to consider, such photovoltaic measures in determining the value of a property; and

‘(3) training of appraisers to meet the requirements established pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection.’.

SEC. 299B. HOUSING ASSISTANCE COUNCIL.

The Secretary shall require the Housing Assistance Council--

(1) to encourage each organization that receives assistance from the Council with any amounts made available from the Secretary to provide that any structures and buildings developed or assisted under projects, programs, and activities funded with such amounts complies with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of this subtitle; and

(2) to establish incentives to encourage each such organization to

provide that any such structures and buildings comply with the energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of such Act.

SEC. 299C. RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

The Secretary shall--

- (1) require each tribe, agency, organization, corporation, and other entity that receives any assistance from the Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide that any structures and buildings developed or assisted under activities funded with such amounts complies with the energy efficiency standards under section 284(a) of this subtitle; and
- (2) establish incentives to encourage each such tribe, agency, organization, corporation, and other entity to provide that any such structures and buildings comply with the enhanced energy efficiency and conservation standards, and the green building standards, under section 284(b) of such Act.

SEC. 299D. LOANS TO STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES TO CARRY OUT RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES ACTIVITIES.

(a) Establishment of Fund- There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ‘Alternative Energy Sources State Loan Fund’.

(b) Expenditures-

- (1) IN GENERAL- Subject to paragraph (2), on request by the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the Fund to the Secretary such amounts as the Secretary determines are necessary to provide loans under subsection (c)(1).

(2) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES-** Of the amounts in the Fund, not more than 5 percent shall be available for each fiscal year to pay the administrative expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to carry out this section.

(c) **Loans to States and Indian Tribes-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary shall use amounts in the Fund to provide loans to States and Indian tribes to provide incentives to owners of single-family and multifamily housing, commercial properties, and public buildings to provide--

(A) renewable energy sources for such structures, such as wind, wave, solar, biomass, or geothermal energy sources, including incentives to companies and business to change their source of energy to such renewable energy sources and for changing the sources of energy for public buildings to such renewable energy sources;

(B) energy efficiency and energy conserving improvements and features for such structures; or

(C) infrastructure related to the delivery of electricity and hot water for structures lacking such amenities.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY-** To be eligible to receive a loan under this subsection, a State or Indian tribe, directly or through an appropriate State or tribal agency, shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(3) **CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL-** The Secretary may approve an application of a State or Indian tribe under paragraph (2) only if the Secretary determines that the State or tribe will use the funds from the loan under this subsection to carry out a program to provide incentives described in paragraph (1) that--

(A) requires that any such renewable energy sources, and energy

efficiency and energy conserving improvements and features, developed pursuant to assistance under the program result in compliance of the structure so improved with energy efficiency requirements determined by the Secretary; and

(B) includes such compliance and audit requirements as the Secretary determines are necessary to ensure that the program is operated in a sound and effective manner.

(4) PREFERENCE- In making loans during each fiscal year, the Secretary shall give preference to States and Indian tribes that have not previously received a loan under this subsection.

(5) MAXIMUM AMOUNT- The aggregate outstanding principal amount from loans under this subsection to any single State or Indian tribe may not exceed \$500,000,000.

(6) LOAN TERMS- Each loan under this subsection shall have a term to maturity of not more than 10 years and shall bear interest at annual rate, determined by the Secretary, that shall not exceed interest rate charged by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to commercial banks and other depository institutions for very short-term loans under the primary credit program, as most recently published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release on selected interest rates (daily or weekly), and commonly referred to as the H.15 release, preceding the date of a determination for purposes of applying this paragraph.

(7) LOAN REPAYMENT- The Secretary shall require full repayment of each loan made under this section.

(d) Investment of Amounts-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such amounts in the Fund that are not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet needs for current withdrawals.

(2) OBLIGATIONS OF UNITED STATES- Investments may be made

only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

(e) Reports-

(1) REPORTS TO SECRETARY- For each year during the term of a loan made under subsection (c), the State or Indian tribe that received the loan shall submit to the Secretary a report describing the State or tribal alternative energy sources program for which the loan was made and the activities conducted under the program using the loan funds during that year.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS- Not later than September 30 of each year that loans made under subsection (c) are outstanding, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the total amount of such loans provided under subsection (c) to each eligible State and Indian tribe during the fiscal year ending on such date, and an evaluation on effectiveness of the Fund.

(f) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund \$5,000,000,000.

(g) Definitions- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) INDIAN TRIBE- The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103).

(2) STATE- The term ‘State’ means each of the several States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Trust Territories of the Pacific, or any other possession of the United States.

SEC. 299E. GREEN BANKING CENTERS.

(a) Insured Depository Institutions- Section 8 of the Federal Deposit

Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(x) ‘Green Banking’ Centers-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Federal banking agencies shall prescribe guidelines encouraging the establishment and maintenance of ‘green banking’ centers by insured depository institutions to provide any consumer who seeks information on obtaining a mortgage, home improvement loan, home equity loan, or renewable energy lease with additional information on--

‘(A) obtaining an home energy rating or audit for the residence for which such mortgage or loan is sought;

‘(B) obtaining financing for cost-effective energy-saving improvements to such property; and

‘(C) obtaining beneficial terms for any mortgage or loan, or qualifying for a larger mortgage or loan, secured by a residence which meets or will meet energy efficiency standards.

‘(2) INFORMATION AND REFERRALS- The information made available to consumers under paragraph (1) may include--

‘(A) information on obtaining a home energy rating and contact information on qualified energy raters in the area of the residence;

‘(B) information on the secondary market guidelines that permit lenders to provide more favorable terms by allowing lenders to increase the ratio on debt-to-income requirements or to use the projected utility savings as a compensating factor;

‘(C) information including eligibility information about, and

contact information for, any conservation or renewable energy programs, grants, or loans offered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, including the Energy Efficient Mortgage Program;

‘(D) information including eligibility information about, and contact information for, any conservation or renewable energy programs, grants, or loans offered for qualified military personal, reservists, and veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

‘(E) information about, and contact information for, the Office of Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy, including the weatherization assistance program;

‘(F) information about, and contact information for, the Energy Star Program of the Environmental Protection Agency;

‘(G) information from, and contact information for, the Federal Citizen Information Center of the General Services Administration on energy-efficient mortgages and loans, home energy rating systems, and the availability of energy-efficient mortgage information from a variety of Federal agencies; and

‘(H) such other information as the agencies or the insured depository institution may determine to be appropriate or useful.’.

(b) Insured Credit Unions- Section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1786) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(x) ‘Green Banking’ Centers-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Board shall prescribe guidelines

encouraging the establishment and maintenance of ‘green banking’ centers by insured credit unions to provide any member who seeks information on obtaining a mortgage, home improvement loan, home equity loan, or renewable energy lease with additional information on--

‘(A) obtaining an home energy rating or audit for the residence for which such mortgage or loan is sought;

‘(B) obtaining financing for cost-effective energy-saving improvements to such property; and

‘(C) obtaining beneficial terms for any mortgage or loan, or qualifying for a larger mortgage or loan, secured by a residence which meets or will meet energy efficiency standards.

‘(2) INFORMATION AND REFERRALS- The information made available to members under paragraph (1) may include--

‘(A) information on obtaining a home energy rating and contact information on qualified energy raters in the area of the residence;

‘(B) information on the secondary market guidelines that permit lenders to provide more favorable terms by allowing lenders to increase the ratio on debt-to-income requirements or to use the projected utility savings as a compensating factor;

‘(C) information including eligibility information about, and contact information for, any conservation or renewable energy programs, grants, or loans offered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, including the Energy Efficient Mortgage Program;

‘(D) information including eligibility information about, and

contact information for, any conservation or renewable energy programs, grants, or loans offered for qualified military personal, reservists, and veterans by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

‘(E) information about, and contact information for, the Office of Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy, including the weatherization assistance program;

‘(F) information from, and contact information for, the Federal Citizen Information Center of the General Services Administration on energy-efficient mortgages and loans, home energy rating systems, and the availability of energy-efficient mortgage information from a variety of Federal agencies; and

‘(G) such other information as the Board or the insured credit union may determine to be appropriate or useful.’.

SEC. 299F. GAO REPORTS ON AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE MORTGAGES.

(a) Study- The Comptroller General of the United States shall periodically, as necessary to comply with subsection (b), examine the impact of this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle on the availability of affordable mortgages in various areas throughout the United States, including cities having older infrastructure and limited space for the development of new housing.

(b) Triennial Reports- The Comptroller General shall submit a report once every 3 years to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate that shall include--

(1) a detailed statement of the most recent findings pursuant to

subsection (a); and

(2) if the Comptroller General finds that this subtitle or the amendments made by this subtitle have directly or indirectly resulted in consequences that limit the availability or affordability of mortgages in any area or areas within the United States, including any city having older infrastructure and limited space for the development of new housing, any recommendations for any additional actions at the Federal, State, or local levels that the Comptroller General considers necessary or appropriate to mitigate such effects.

The first report under this subsection shall be submitted not later than the expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 299G. PUBLIC HOUSING ENERGY COST REPORT.

(a) Collection of Information by HUD- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall obtain from each public housing agency, by such time as may be necessary to comply with the reporting requirement under subsection (b), information regarding the energy costs for public housing administered or operated by the agency. For each public housing agency, such information shall include the monthly energy costs associated with each separate building and development of the agency, for the most recently completed 12-month period for which such information is available, and such other information as the Secretary determines is appropriate in determining which public housing buildings and developments are most in need of repairs and improvements to reduce energy needs and costs and become more energy efficient.

(b) Report- Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall submit a report to the Congress setting forth the information collected pursuant to subsection (a).

SEC. 299H. SECONDARY MARKET FOR RESIDENTIAL

RENEWABLE ENERGY LEASE INSTRUMENTS.

(a) Purposes- The purposes of this section are--

- (1) to encourage residential use of renewable energy systems by minimizing up-front costs and providing immediate utility cost savings to consumers through leasing of such systems to homeowners;
- (2) to reduce carbon emissions and the use of nonrenewable resources;
- (3) to encourage energy-efficient residential construction and rehabilitation;
- (4) to encourage the use of renewable resources by homeowners;
- (5) to minimize the impact of development on the environment;
- (6) to reduce consumer utility costs; and
- (7) to encourage private investment in the green economy.

(b) Residual Value of Renewable Energy Asset- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall establish a means of determining the residual value of a renewable energy asset such that a secondary market for residential renewable energy lease instruments may be facilitated. Such means may include, without limitation, the calculation of residual value based on the net present value of projected future energy production of the renewable energy asset.

SEC. 299I. GREEN GUARANTEES.

(a) Authority To Guarantee ‘Green Portion’ of Eligible Mortgages-

- (1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may make commitments to guarantee under this section and may guarantee, the repayment of the portions of the principal obligations of eligible mortgages that are used to finance eligible sustainable building

elements for the housing that is subject to the mortgage.

(2) **AMOUNT OF GUARANTEE-** A guarantee under this section by the Secretary in connection with an eligible mortgage shall not exceed a percentage of the green portion (as such term is defined in subsection (g)) of the mortgage, as shall be established by the Secretary and may be established on a regional basis as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(b) **Eligible Mortgages-** To be considered an eligible mortgage for purposes of this section, a mortgage shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(1) **ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING-** The mortgage shall be made for the acquisition or construction of single- or multifamily housing and repayment of the mortgage shall be secured by an interest in such housing.

(2) **FINANCING OF ELIGIBLE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ELEMENTS THROUGH GREEN PORTION OF MORTGAGE-** A portion of the principal obligation of the mortgage, which meets the requirements under subsection (c), shall be used only for financing the provision of eligible sustainable building elements for the housing for which the mortgage was made.

(3) **MAXIMUM MORTGAGE AMOUNT-** The principal obligation of the mortgage (including the eligible portion of such mortgage, and such initial service charges, appraisal, inspection, and other fees as the Secretary shall approve) may not exceed the following amounts:

(A) **SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING-** Such dollar amounts for single-family housing as the Secretary shall establish, which may be established on the basis of the number of dwelling units in the housing, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(B) **MULTIFAMILY HOUSING-** Such dollar amounts for multifamily housing as the Secretary shall establish, which may be

established on the basis of the number of dwelling units in the housing and the number of bedrooms in such dwelling units, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(4) **REPAYMENT**- The mortgage meets such requirements as the Secretary shall establish to ensure that there is a reasonable prospect of repayment of the principal and interest on the obligation by the mortgagor.

(5) **MORTGAGE TERMS**- The mortgage shall meet such requirements with respect to loan-to-value ratio, mortgagor credit scores, debt-to-income ratio, and other underwriting standards, term to maturity, interest rates and amortization, including amortization of the green portion of the mortgage, and other mortgage terms as the Secretary shall establish.

(c) **Limitations on Green Portion of Mortgage**- The requirements under this subsection with respect to the green portion of an eligible mortgage are as follows:

(1) **PERCENTAGE LIMITATION**- Such portion shall not exceed, in the case of single-family or multifamily housing, 10 percent of the total principal obligation of the mortgage.

(2) **DOLLAR AMOUNT LIMITATION**- Such portion shall not exceed--

(A) in the case of single-family housing, such maximum dollar amount limitation as the Secretary shall establish, which may be established on the basis of the number of dwelling units in the housing, as the Secretary considers appropriate; and

(B) in the case of multifamily housing, such maximum dollar amount limitation as the Secretary shall establish, which limitation may be established on the basis of the number of dwelling units in the housing and the number of bedrooms in such dwelling units, as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) **COST-EFFECTIVENESS LIMITATION-** Such portion shall not exceed the total present value of the savings (as determined in accordance with subsection (d)) attributable to the incorporation of the eligible sustainable building elements to be financed with the green portion of the mortgage that are to be realized over the useful life of such elements.

(d) **Eligible Sustainable Building Elements-** The Secretary may not guarantee any eligible mortgage under this section unless the mortgagor has demonstrated, in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary shall establish, the amount of savings attributable to incorporation of the sustainable building elements to be financed with the green portion of the mortgage, as measured by the National Green Building Standard for all residential construction developed by the National Association of Home Builders and the U.S. Green Building Council, and approved by the American National Standards Institute, as updated and in effect at the time of such demonstration.

(e) **Guarantee Fee-**

(1) **ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION-** The Secretary shall assess and collect fees for guarantees under this section in amounts that the Secretary determines are sufficient to cover the costs (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a)) of such guarantees.

(2) **AVAILABILITY-** Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited by the Secretary in the Treasury of the United States and shall remain available until expended, subject to such other conditions as are contained in annual appropriations Acts.

(f) **Payment of Guarantee-**

(1) **DEFAULT-**

(A) **RIGHT TO PAYMENT-** If a mortgagor under a mortgage guaranteed under this section defaults (as defined in regulations

issued by the Secretary and specified in the guarantee contract) on the obligation under the mortgage--

(i) the holder of the guarantee shall have the right to demand payment of the unpaid amount of the guaranteed portion of the mortgage, to the extent provided under subsection (a)(2), from the Secretary; and

(ii) within such period as may be specified in the guarantee or related agreements, the Secretary shall pay to the holder of the guarantee, to the extent provided under subsection (a)(2), the unpaid interest on, and unpaid principal of the portion of guaranteed portion of the mortgage with respect to which the borrower has defaulted, unless the Secretary finds that there was no default by the borrower in the payment of interest or principal or that the default has been remedied.

(B) FORBEARANCE- Nothing in this paragraph precludes any forbearance by the holder of an eligible mortgage for the benefit of the mortgagor which may be agreed upon by the parties to the mortgage and approved by the Secretary.

(2) SUBROGATION-

(A) IN GENERAL- If the Secretary makes a payment under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall be subrogated to the rights of the recipient of the payment as specified in the guarantee or related agreements including, if appropriate, the authority (notwithstanding any other provision of law)--

(i) to complete, maintain, operate, lease, or otherwise dispose of any property acquired pursuant to such guarantee or related agreements; or

(ii) to permit the mortgagor, pursuant to an agreement with the Secretary, to continue to occupy the property subject to the mortgage, if the Secretary determines such occupancy to be

appropriate.

(B) **SUPERIORITY OF RIGHTS**- The rights of the Secretary, with respect to any property acquired pursuant to a guarantee or related agreements, shall be superior to the rights of any other person with respect to the property.

(C) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**- A guarantee agreement shall include such detailed terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the interests of the United States in the case of default.

(3) **FULL FAITH AND CREDIT**- The full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all guarantees issued under this section with respect to principal and interest.

(g) **Definitions**- For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) **ELIGIBLE MORTGAGE**- The term ‘eligible mortgage’ means a mortgage that meets the requirements under subsection (b).

(2) **GREEN PORTION**- The term ‘green portion’ means, with respect to an eligible mortgage, the portion of the mortgage principal referred to in subsection (b)(2) that is attributable, as determined in accordance with regulations issued by the Secretary, to the increased costs incurred in financing provision of sustainable building elements for the housing for which the mortgage was made, as compared to the costs that would have been incurred in financing the provision of other building elements for the housing for the same purposes that are commonly or conventionally used but are not sustainable building elements.

(3) **GUARANTEED PORTION**- The term ‘guaranteed portion’ means, with respect to an eligible mortgage guaranteed under this section, the green portion of the mortgage that is so guaranteed.

(4) **MORTGAGE**- The term ‘mortgage’ has the meaning given such

term in section 201 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707).

(5) MULTIFAMILY HOUSING- The term ‘multifamily housing’ means a residential property consisting of five or more dwelling units.

(6) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(7) SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING- The term ‘single-family housing’ means a residential property consisting of one to four dwelling units.

(8) SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ELEMENT- The term ‘sustainable building element’ means such building elements, as the Secretary shall define, that have energy efficiency or environmental sustainability qualities that are superior to such qualities for other building elements for the same purposes that are commonly or conventionally used.

(h) Authorization of Appropriations- There is authorized to be appropriated for costs (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a) of guarantees under this section \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

(i) Regulations- The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary to carry out this section.

TITLE III--REDUCING GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title, and sections 112, 116, 221, 222, 223, and 401 of this Act, and the amendments made by this title and those sections, may be cited as the ‘Safe Climate Act’.

Subtitle A--Reducing Global Warming Pollution

SEC. 311. REDUCING GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION.

The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. and following) is amended by adding after title VI the following new title:

**‘TITLE VII--GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION REDUCTION
PROGRAM**

***‘PART A--GLOBAL WARMING
POLLUTION REDUCTION GOALS AND
TARGETS***

‘SEC. 701. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

‘(a) Findings- The Congress finds as follows:

‘(1) Global warming poses a significant threat to the national security, economy, public health and welfare, and environment of the United States, as well as of other nations.

‘(2) Reviews of scientific studies, including by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the National Academy of Sciences, demonstrate that global warming is the result of the combined anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions from numerous sources of all types and sizes. Each increment of emission, when combined with other emissions, causes or contributes materially to the acceleration and extent of global warming and its adverse effects for the lifetime of such gas in the atmosphere. Accordingly, controlling emissions in small as well as large amounts is essential to prevent, slow the pace of, reduce the threats from, and mitigate global warming and its adverse effects.

‘(3) Because they induce global warming, greenhouse gas emissions cause or contribute to injuries to persons in the United States, including--

- ‘(A) adverse health effects such as disease and loss of life;
- ‘(B) displacement of human populations;
- ‘(C) damage to property and other interests related to ocean levels, acidification, and ice changes;
- ‘(D) severe weather and seasonal changes;
- ‘(E) disruption, costs, and losses to business, trade, employment, farms, subsistence, aesthetic enjoyment of the environment, recreation, culture, and tourism;
- ‘(F) damage to plants, forests, lands, and waters;
- ‘(G) harm to wildlife and habitat;
- ‘(H) scarcity of water and the decreased abundance of other natural resources;
- ‘(I) worsening of tropospheric air pollution;
- ‘(J) substantial threats of similar damage; and
- ‘(K) other harm.

‘(4) That many of these effects and risks of future effects of global warming are widely shared does not minimize the adverse effects individual persons have suffered, will suffer, and are at risk of suffering because of global warming.

‘(5) That some of the adverse and potentially catastrophic effects of global warming are at risk of occurring and not a certainty does not negate the harm persons suffer from actions that increase the likelihood, extent, and severity of such future impacts.

‘(6) Nations of the world look to the United States for

leadership in addressing the threat of and harm from global warming. Full implementation of the Safe Climate Act is critical to engage other nations in an international effort to mitigate the threat of and harm from global warming.

‘(7) Global warming and its adverse effects are occurring and are likely to continue and increase in magnitude, and to do so at a greater and more harmful rate, unless the Safe Climate Act is fully implemented and enforced in an expeditious manner.

‘(b) Purpose- It is the general purpose of the Safe Climate Act to help prevent, reduce the pace of, mitigate, and remedy global warming and its adverse effects. To fulfill such purpose, it is necessary to--

‘(1) require the timely fulfillment of all governmental acts and duties, both substantive and procedural, and the prompt compliance of covered entities with the requirements of the Safe Climate Act;

‘(2) establish and maintain an effective, transparent, and fair market for emission allowances and preserve the integrity of the cap on emissions and of offset credits;

‘(3) advance the production and deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies; and

‘(4) ensure effective enforcement of the Safe Climate Act by citizens, States, Indian tribes, and all levels of government because each violation of the Safe Climate Act is likely to result in an additional increment of greenhouse gas emission and will slow the pace of implementation of the Safe Climate Act and delay the achievement of the goals set forth in section 702, and cause or contribute to global warming and its adverse effects.

‘SEC. 702. ECONOMY-WIDE REDUCTION GOALS.

‘The goals of the Safe Climate Act are to reduce steadily the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions such that--

‘(1) in 2012, the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions does not exceed 97 percent of the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005;

‘(2) in 2020, the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions does not exceed 80 percent of the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005;

‘(3) in 2030, the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions does not exceed 58 percent of the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005; and

‘(4) in 2050, the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions does not exceed 17 percent of the quantity of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005.

‘SEC. 703. REDUCTION TARGETS FOR SPECIFIED SOURCES.

‘(a) In General- The regulations issued under section 721 shall cap and reduce annually the greenhouse gas emissions of capped sources each calendar year beginning in 2012 such that--

‘(1) in 2012, the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from capped sources does not exceed 97 percent of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from such sources in 2005;

‘(2) in 2020, the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from capped sources does not exceed 83 percent of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from such sources in 2005;

‘(3) in 2030, the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from capped sources does not exceed 58 percent of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from such sources in 2005; and

‘(4) in 2050, the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from capped sources does not exceed 17 percent of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from such sources in 2005.

‘(b) Definition- For purposes of this section, the term ‘greenhouse gas emissions from such sources in 2005’ means emissions to which section 722 would have applied if the requirements of this title for the specified year had been in effect for 2005.

‘SEC. 704. SUPPLEMENTAL POLLUTION REDUCTIONS.

‘For the purposes of decreasing the likelihood of catastrophic climate change, preserving tropical forests, building capacity to generate offset credits, and facilitating international action on global warming, the Administrator shall set aside the percentage specified in section 781 of the quantity of emission allowances established under section 721(a) for each year, to be used to achieve a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in developing countries in accordance with part E. In 2020, activities supported under part E shall provide greenhouse gas reductions in an amount equal to an additional 10 percentage points of reductions from United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005. The Administrator shall distribute these allowances with respect to activities in countries that enter into and implement agreements or arrangements relating to reduced deforestation as described in section 754(a)(2).

‘SEC. 705. REVIEW AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator shall, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, submit to Congress a report not later than July 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter, that includes--

‘(1) an analysis of key findings based on the latest scientific

information and data relevant to global climate change;

‘(2) an analysis of capabilities to monitor and verify greenhouse gas reductions on a worldwide basis, including for the United States, as required under the Safe Climate Act; and

‘(3) an analysis of the status of worldwide greenhouse gas reduction efforts, including implementation of the Safe Climate Act and other policies, both domestic and international, for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preventing dangerous atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, preventing significant irreversible consequences of climate change, and reducing vulnerability to the impacts of climate change.

‘(b) Exception- Paragraph (3) of subsection (a) shall not apply to the first report submitted under such subsection.

‘(c) Latest Scientific Information- The analysis required under subsection (a)(1) shall--

‘(1) address existing scientific information and reports, considering, to the greatest extent possible, the most recent assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, reports by the United States Global Change Research Program, the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel established under section 475 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and Federal agencies, and the European Union’s global temperature data assessment; and

‘(2) review trends and projections for--

‘(A) global and country-specific annual emissions of greenhouse gases, and cumulative greenhouse gas emissions produced between 1850 and the present, including--

‘(i) global cumulative emissions of anthropogenic

greenhouse gases;

‘(ii) global annual emissions of anthropogenic greenhouse gases; and

‘(iii) by country, annual total, annual per capita, and cumulative anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases for the top 50 emitting nations;

‘(B) significant changes, both globally and by region, in annual net non-anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions from natural sources, including permafrost, forests, or oceans;

‘(C) global atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, expressed in annual concentration units as well as carbon dioxide equivalents based on 100-year global warming potentials;

‘(D) major climate forcing factors, such as aerosols;

‘(E) global average temperature, expressed as seasonal and annual averages in land, ocean, and land-plus-ocean averages; and

‘(F) sea level rise;

‘(3) assess the current and potential impacts of global climate change on--

‘(A) human populations, including impacts on public health, economic livelihoods, subsistence, human infrastructure, and displacement or permanent relocation due to flooding, severe weather, extended drought, erosion, or other ecosystem changes;

‘(B) freshwater systems, including water resources for

human consumption and agriculture and natural and managed ecosystems, flood and drought risks, and relative humidity;

‘(C) the carbon cycle, including impacts related to the thawing of permafrost, the frequency and intensity of wildfire, and terrestrial and ocean carbon sinks;

‘(D) ecosystems and animal and plant populations, including impacts on species abundance, phenology, and distribution;

‘(E) oceans and ocean ecosystems, including effects on sea level, ocean acidity, ocean temperatures, coral reefs, ocean circulation, fisheries, and other indicators of ocean ecosystem health;

‘(F) the cryosphere, including effects on ice sheet mass balance, mountain glacier mass balance, and sea-ice extent and volume;

‘(G) changes in the intensity, frequency, or distribution of severe weather events, including precipitation, tropical cyclones, tornadoes, and severe heat waves;

‘(H) agriculture and forest systems; and

‘(I) any other indicators the Administrator deems appropriate;

‘(4) summarize any significant socio-economic impacts of climate change in the United States, including the territories of the United States, drawing on work by Federal agencies and the academic literature, including impacts on--

‘(A) public health;

‘(B) economic livelihoods and subsistence;

‘(C) displacement or permanent relocation due to flooding, severe weather, extended drought, erosion, or other ecosystem changes;

‘(D) human infrastructure, including coastal infrastructure vulnerability to extreme events and sea level rise, river floodplain infrastructure, and sewer and water management systems;

‘(E) agriculture and forests, including effects on potential growing season, distribution, and yield;

‘(F) water resources for human consumption, agriculture and natural and managed ecosystems, flood and drought risks, and relative humidity;

‘(G) energy supply and use; and

‘(H) transportation;

‘(5) in assessing risks and impacts, use a risk management framework, including both qualitative and quantitative measures, to assess the observed and projected impacts of current and future climate change, accounting for--

‘(A) both monetized and non-monetized losses;

‘(B) potential nonlinear, abrupt, or essentially irreversible changes in the climate system;

‘(C) potential nonlinear increases in the cost of impacts;

‘(D) potential low-probability, high impact events; and

‘(E) whether impacts are transitory or essentially permanent; and

‘(6) based on the findings of the Administrator under this section, as well as assessments produced by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the United States Global Change Research program, and other relevant scientific entities--

‘(A) describe increased risks to natural systems and society that would result from an increase in global average temperature 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) above the pre-industrial average or an increase in atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations above 450 parts per million carbon dioxide equivalent; and

‘(B) identify and assess--

‘(i) significant residual risks not avoided by the thresholds described in subparagraph (A);

‘(ii) alternative thresholds or targets that may more effectively limit the risks identified pursuant to clause (i); and

‘(iii) thresholds above those described in subparagraph (A) which significantly increase the risk of certain impacts or render them essentially permanent.

‘(d) Status of Monitoring and Verification Capabilities to Evaluate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Efforts- The analysis required under subsection (a)(2) shall evaluate the capabilities of the monitoring, reporting, and verification systems used to quantify progress in achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions both globally and in the United States (as described in section 702), including--

‘(1) quantification of emissions and emission reductions by entities participating in the cap and trade program under this title;

‘(2) quantification of emissions and emission reductions by entities participating in the offset program under this title;

‘(3) quantification of emission and emissions reductions by entities regulated by performance standards;

‘(4) quantification of aggregate net emissions and emissions reductions by the United States; and

‘(5) quantification of global changes in net emissions and in sources and sinks of greenhouse gases.

‘(e) Status of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Efforts- The analysis required under subsection (a)(3) shall address--

‘(1) whether the programs under Safe Climate Act and other Federal statutes are resulting in sufficient United States greenhouse gas emissions reductions to meet the emissions reduction goals described in section 702, taking into account the use of offsets; and

‘(2) whether United States actions, taking into account international actions, commitments, and trends, and considering the range of plausible emissions scenarios, are sufficient to avoid--

‘(A) atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations above 450 parts per million carbon dioxide equivalent;

‘(B) global average surface temperature 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit (2 degrees Celsius) above the pre-industrial average, or such other temperature thresholds as the Administrator deems appropriate; and

‘(C) other temperature or greenhouse gas thresholds identified pursuant to subsection (c)(6)(B).

‘(f) Recommendations-

‘(1) LATEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION- Based on the analysis described in subsection (a)(1), each report under subsection (a) shall identify actions that could be taken to--

‘(A) improve the characterization of changes in the earth-climate system and impacts of global climate change;

‘(B) better inform decision making and actions related to global climate change;

‘(C) mitigate risks to natural and social systems; and

‘(D) design policies to better account for climate risks.

‘(2) MONITORING, REPORTING AND VERIFICATION- Based on the analysis described in subsection (a)(2), each report under subsection (a) shall identify key gaps in measurement, reporting, and verification capabilities and make recommendations to improve the accuracy and reliability of those capabilities.

‘(3) STATUS OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION EFFORTS- Based on the analysis described in subsection (a)(3), taking into account international actions, commitments, and trends, and considering the range of plausible emissions scenarios, each report under subsection (a) shall identify--

‘(A) the quantity of additional reductions required to meet the emissions reduction goals in section 702;

‘(B) the quantity of additional reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions needed to avoid the concentration and temperature thresholds identified in subsection (e); and

‘(C) possible strategies and approaches for achieving additional reductions.

‘(g) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary.

‘SEC. 706. NATIONAL ACADEMY REVIEW.

‘(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall offer to enter into a contract with the National Academy of Sciences (in this section referred to as the ‘Academy’) under which the Academy shall, not later than July 1, 2014, and every 4 years thereafter, submit to Congress and the Administrator a report that includes--

‘(1) a review of the most recent report and recommendations issued under section 705; and

‘(2) an analysis of technologies to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(b) Failure to Issue a Report- In the event that the Administrator has not issued all or part of the most recent report required under section 705, the Academy shall conduct its own review and analysis of the required information.

‘(c) Technological Information- The analysis required under subsection (a)(2) shall--

‘(1) review existing technological information and reports, including the most recent reports by the Department of Energy, the United States Global Change Research Program, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the International Energy Agency and any other relevant information on technologies or practices that reduce or limit greenhouse gas emissions;

‘(2) include the participation of technical experts from relevant private industry sectors;

‘(3) review the current and future projected deployment of technologies and practices in the United States that reduce or limit greenhouse gas emissions, including--

‘(A) technologies for capture and sequestration of greenhouse gases;

‘(B) technologies to improve energy efficiency;

‘(C) low- or zero-greenhouse gas emitting energy technologies;

‘(D) low- or zero-greenhouse gas emitting fuels;

‘(E) biological sequestration practices and technologies;
and

‘(F) any other technologies the Academy deems relevant;
and

‘(4) review and compare the emissions reduction potential, commercial viability, market penetration, investment trends, and deployment of the technologies described in paragraph (3), including--

‘(A) the need for additional research and development, including publicly funded research and development;

‘(B) the extent of commercial deployment, including, where appropriate, a comparison to the cost and level of deployment of conventional fossil fuel-fired energy technologies and devices; and

‘(C) an evaluation of any substantial technological, legal, or market-based barriers to commercial deployment.

‘(d) Recommendations-

‘(1) LATEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION- Based on the review described in subsection (a)(1), the Academy shall identify actions that could be taken to--

‘(A) improve the characterization of changes in the earth-climate system and impacts of global climate change;

‘(B) better inform decision making and actions related to global climate change;

‘(C) mitigate risks to natural and social systems;

‘(D) design policies to better account for climate risks; and

‘(E) improve the accuracy and reliability of capabilities to monitor, report, and verify greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts.

‘(2) TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION- Based on the analysis described in subsection (a)(2), the Academy shall identify--

‘(A) additional emissions reductions that may be possible as a result of technologies described in the analysis;

‘(B) barriers to the deployment of such technologies; and

‘(C) actions that could be taken to speed deployment of such technologies.

‘(3) STATUS OF GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION EFFORTS- Based on the review described in subsection (a)(1), the Academy shall identify--

‘(A) the quantity of additional reductions required to meet the emissions reduction goals described in section 702; and

‘(B) the quantity of additional reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions needed to avoid the concentration and temperature thresholds described in section 705(c)(6)(A) or identified pursuant to section 705(c)(6)(B).

‘(e) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary.

‘SEC. 707. PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

‘(a) Agency Actions- The President shall direct relevant Federal agencies to use existing statutory authority to take appropriate actions identified in the reports submitted under sections 705 and 706, and to address any shortfalls identified in such reports, not later than July 1, 2015, and every 4 years thereafter.

‘(b) Plan- In the event that the Administrator or the National Academy of Sciences has concluded, in the most recent report submitted under section 705 or 706 respectively, that the United States will not achieve the necessary domestic greenhouse gas emissions reductions, or that global actions will not maintain safe global average surface temperature and atmospheric greenhouse gas concentration thresholds, the President shall, not later than July 1, 2015, and every 4 years thereafter, submit to Congress a plan identifying domestic and international actions that will achieve necessary additional greenhouse gas reductions, including any recommendations for legislative action.

‘PART B--DESIGNATION AND REGISTRATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES

‘SEC. 711. DESIGNATION OF GREENHOUSE GASES.

‘(a) Greenhouse Gases- For purposes of this title, the following are greenhouse gases:

‘(1) Carbon dioxide.

‘(2) Methane.

‘(3) Nitrous oxide.

‘(4) Sulfur hexafluoride.

‘(5) Hydrofluorocarbons emitted from a chemical manufacturing process at an industrial stationary source.

‘(6) Any perfluorocarbon.

‘(7) Nitrogen trifluoride.

‘(8) Any other anthropogenic gas designated as a greenhouse gas by the Administrator under this section.

‘(b) Determination on Administrator’s Initiative- The Administrator shall, by rule--

‘(1) determine whether 1 metric ton of another anthropogenic gas makes the same or greater contribution to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide;

‘(2) determine the carbon dioxide equivalent value for each gas with respect to which the Administrator makes an affirmative determination under paragraph (1);

‘(3) for each gas with respect to which the Administrator makes an affirmative determination under paragraph (1) and

that is used as a substitute for a class I or class II substance under title VI, determine the extent to which to regulate that gas under section 619 and specify appropriate compliance obligations under section 619;

‘(4) designate as a greenhouse gas for purposes of this title each gas for which the Administrator makes an affirmative determination under paragraph (1), to the extent that it is not regulated under section 619; and

‘(5) specify the appropriate compliance obligations under this title for each gas designated as a greenhouse gas under paragraph (4).

‘(c) Petitions to Designate a Greenhouse Gas-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Any person may petition the Administrator to designate as a greenhouse gas any anthropogenic gas 1 metric ton of which makes the same or greater contribution to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide.

‘(2) CONTENTS OF PETITION- The petitioner shall provide sufficient data, as specified by rule by the Administrator, to demonstrate that the gas is likely to be designated as a greenhouse gas and is likely to be produced, imported, used, or emitted in the United States. To the extent practicable, the petitioner shall also identify producers, importers, distributors, users, and emitters of the gas in the United States.

‘(3) REVIEW AND ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATOR- Not later than 90 days after receipt of a petition under paragraph (2), the Administrator shall determine whether the petition is complete and notify the petitioner and the public of the decision.

‘(4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- The Administrator may

require producers, importers, distributors, users, or emitters of the gas to provide information on the contribution of the gas to global warming over 100 years compared to carbon dioxide.

‘(5) TREATMENT OF PETITION- For any substance used as a substitute for a class I or class II substance under title VI, the Administrator may elect to treat a petition under this subsection as a petition to list the substance as a class II, group II substance under section 619, and may require the petition to be amended to address listing criteria promulgated under that section.

‘(6) DETERMINATION- Not later than 2 years after receipt of a complete petition, the Administrator shall, after notice and an opportunity for comment--

‘(A) issue and publish in the Federal Register--

‘(i) a determination that 1 metric ton of the gas does not make a contribution to global warming over 100 years that is equal to or greater than that made by 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide; and

‘(ii) an explanation of the decision; or

‘(B) determine that 1 metric ton of the gas makes a contribution to global warming over 100 years that is equal to or greater than that made by 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide, and take the actions described in subsection (b) with respect to such gas.

‘(7) GROUNDS FOR DENIAL- The Administrator may not deny a petition under this subsection solely on the basis of inadequate Environmental Protection Agency resources or time for review.

‘(d) Science Advisory Board Consultation-

‘(1) CONSULTATION- The Administrator shall--

‘(A) give notice to the Science Advisory Board prior to making a determination under subsection (b)(1), (c)(6), or (e)(2)(B);

‘(B) consider the written recommendations of the Science Advisory Board under paragraph (2) regarding the determination; and

‘(C) consult with the Science Advisory Board regarding such determination, including consultation subsequent to receipt of such written recommendations.

‘(2) FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS- Upon receipt of notice under paragraph (1)(A) regarding a pending determination under subsection (b)(1), (c)(6), or (e)(2)(B), the Science Advisory Board shall--

‘(A) formulate recommendations regarding such determination, subject to a peer review process; and

‘(B) submit such recommendations in writing to the Administrator.

‘(e) Manufacturing and Emission Notices-

‘(1) NOTICE REQUIREMENT-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Effective 24 months after the date of enactment of this title, no person may manufacture or introduce into interstate commerce a fluorinated gas, or emit a significant quantity, as determined by the Administrator, of any fluorinated gas that is generated as a byproduct during the production or use of another fluorinated gas, unless--

‘(i) the gas is designated as a greenhouse gas under this section or is an ozone-depleting substance listed as a class I or class II substance under title VI;

‘(ii) the Administrator has determined that 1 metric ton of such gas does not make a contribution to global warming over 100 years that is equal to or greater than that made by 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide; or

‘(iii) the person manufacturing or importing the gas for distribution into interstate commerce, or emitting the gas, has submitted to the Administrator, at least 90 days before the start of such manufacture, introduction into commerce, or emission, a notice of such person’s manufacture, introduction into commerce, or emission of such gas, and the Administrator has not determined that that notice or a substantially similar notice submitted by that person is incomplete.

‘(B) ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE- For a gas that is a substitute for a class I or class II substance under title VI and either has been listed as acceptable for use under section 612 or is currently subject to evaluation under section 612, the Administrator may accept the notice and information provided pursuant to that section as fulfilling the obligation under clause (iii) of subparagraph (A).

‘(2) REVIEW AND ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATOR-

‘(A) COMPLETENESS- Not later than 90 days after receipt of notice under paragraph (1)(A)(iii) or (B), the Administrator shall determine whether the notice is complete.

‘(B) DETERMINATION- If the Administrator determines that the notice is complete, the Administrator shall, after notice and an opportunity for comment, not later than 12

months after receipt of the notice--

‘(i) issue and publish in the Federal Register--

‘(I) a determination that 1 metric ton of the gas does not make a contribution to global warming over 100 years that is equal to or greater than that made by 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide; and

‘(II) an explanation of the decision; or

‘(ii) determine that 1 metric ton of the gas makes a contribution to global warming over 100 years that is equal to or greater than that made by 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide, and take the actions described in subsection (b) with respect to such gas.

‘(f) Regulations- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section. Such regulations shall include--

‘(1) requirements for the contents of a petition submitted under subsection (c);

‘(2) requirements for the contents of a notice required under subsection (e); and

‘(3) methods and standards for evaluating the carbon dioxide equivalent value of a gas.

‘(g) Gases Regulated Under Title VI- The Administrator shall not designate a gas as a greenhouse gas under this section to the extent that the gas is regulated under title VI.

‘(h) Savings Clause- Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to relieve any person from complying with the requirements of section 612.

‘SEC. 712. CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT VALUE OF GREENHOUSE GASES.

‘(a) Measure of Quantity of Greenhouse Gases- Any provision of this title or title VIII that refers to a quantity or percentage of a quantity of greenhouse gases shall mean the quantity or percentage of the greenhouse gases expressed in carbon dioxide equivalents.

‘(b) Initial Value- Except as provided by the Administrator under this section or section 711--

‘(1) the carbon dioxide equivalent value of greenhouse gases for purposes of this Act shall be as follows:

‘CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT OF 1 TON OF LISTED GREENHOUSE GASE

Greenhouse gas (1 metric ton)	Carbon dioxide equivalent (metric t

Carbon dioxide	1
Methane	25
Nitrous oxide	298
HFC-23	14,800
HFC-125	3,500
HFC-134a	1,430
HFC-143a	4,470
HFC-152a	124
HFC-227ea	3,220
HFC-236fa	9,810
HFC-4310mee	1,640

CF ₄	7,390
C ₂ F ₆	12,200
C ₄ F ₁₀	8,860
C ₆ F ₁₄	9,300
SF ₆	22,800
NF ₃	17,200

; and

‘(2) the carbon dioxide equivalent value for purposes of this Act for any greenhouse gas not listed in the table under paragraph (1) shall be the 100-year Global Warming Potentials provided in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fourth Assessment Report.

‘(c) Periodic Review-

‘(1) Not later than February 1, 2017, and (except as provided in paragraph (3)) not less than every 5 years thereafter, the Administrator shall--

‘(A) review and, if appropriate, revise the carbon dioxide equivalent values established under this section or section 711(b)(2), based on a determination of the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide that makes the same contribution to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of each greenhouse gas; and

‘(B) publish in the Federal Register the results of that review and any revisions.

‘(2) A revised determination published in the Federal Register under paragraph (1)(B) shall take effect for greenhouse gas

emissions starting on January 1 of the first calendar year starting at least 9 months after the date on which the revised determination was published.

‘(3) The Administrator may decrease the frequency of review and revision under paragraph (1) if the Administrator determines that such decrease is appropriate in order to synchronize such review and revision with any similar review process carried out pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, done at New York on May 9, 1992, or to an agreement negotiated under that convention, except that in no event shall the Administrator carry out such review and revision any less frequently than every 10 years.

‘(d) Methodology- In setting carbon dioxide equivalent values, for purposes of this section or section 711, the Administrator shall take into account publications by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or a successor organization under the auspices of the United Nations Environmental Programme and the World Meteorological Organization.

‘SEC. 713. GREENHOUSE GAS REGISTRY.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) CLIMATE REGISTRY- The term ‘Climate Registry’ means the greenhouse gas emissions registry jointly established and managed by more than 40 States and Indian tribes in 2007 to collect high-quality greenhouse gas emission data from facilities, corporations, and other organizations to support various greenhouse gas emission reporting and reduction policies for the member States and Indian tribes.

‘(2) REPORTING ENTITY- The term ‘reporting entity’ means--

‘(A) a covered entity;

‘(B) an entity that--

‘(i) would be a covered entity if it had emitted, produced, imported, manufactured, or delivered in 2008 or any subsequent year more than the applicable threshold level in the definition of covered entity in paragraph (13) of section 700; and

‘(ii) has emitted, produced, imported, manufactured, or delivered in 2008 or any subsequent year more than the applicable threshold level in the definition of covered entity in paragraph (13) of section 700, provided that the figure of 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent is read instead as 10,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and the figure of 460,000,000 cubic feet is read instead as 184,000,000 cubic feet;

‘(C) any other entity that emits a greenhouse gas, or produces, imports, manufactures, or delivers material whose use results or may result in greenhouse gas emissions if the Administrator determines that reporting under this section by such entity will help achieve the purposes of this title or title VIII;

‘(D) any vehicle fleet with emissions of more than 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent on an annual basis, if the Administrator determines that the inclusion of such fleet will help achieve the purposes of this title or title VIII; or

‘(E) any entity that delivers electricity to a facility in an energy-intensive industrial sector that meets the energy or greenhouse gas intensity criteria in section 764(b)(2)(A)(i).

‘(b) Regulations-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall issue regulations establishing a Federal greenhouse gas registry. Such regulations shall--

‘(A) require reporting entities to submit to the Administrator data on--

‘(i) greenhouse gas emissions in the United States;

‘(ii) the production and manufacture in the United States, importation into the United States, and, at the discretion of the Administrator, exportation from the United States, of fuels and industrial gases the uses of which result or may result in greenhouse gas emissions;

‘(iii) deliveries in the United States of natural gas, and any other gas meeting the specifications for commingling with natural gas for purposes of delivery, the combustion of which result or may result in greenhouse gas emissions; and

‘(iv) the capture and sequestration of greenhouse gases;

‘(B) require covered entities and, where appropriate, other reporting entities to submit to the Administrator data sufficient to ensure compliance with or implementation of the requirements of this title;

‘(C) require reporting of electricity delivered to facilities in an energy-intensive industrial sector that meets the energy or greenhouse gas intensity criteria in section 764(b)
(2)(A)(i);

‘(D) ensure the completeness, consistency, transparency, accuracy, precision, and reliability of such data;

‘(E) take into account the best practices from the most recent Federal, State, tribal, and international protocols for the measurement, accounting, reporting, and verification of greenhouse gas emissions, including protocols from the Climate Registry and other mandatory State or multistate authorized programs;

‘(F) take into account the latest scientific research;

‘(G) require that, for covered entities with respect to greenhouse gases to which section 722 applies, and, to the extent determined to be appropriate by the Administrator, for covered entities with respect to other greenhouse gases and for other reporting entities, submitted data are based on--

‘(i) continuous monitoring systems for fuel flow or emissions, such as continuous emission monitoring systems;

‘(ii) alternative systems that are demonstrated as providing data with the same precision, reliability, accessibility, and timeliness, or, to the extent the Administrator determines is appropriate for reporting small amounts of emissions, the same precision, reliability, and accessibility and similar timeliness, as data provided by continuous monitoring systems for fuel flow or emissions; or

‘(iii) alternative methodologies that are demonstrated to provide data with precision, reliability, accessibility, and timeliness, or, to the extent the Administrator determines is appropriate for reporting small amounts of emissions, precision, reliability, and accessibility, as similar as is technically feasible to that of data generally provided by continuous monitoring systems for fuel flow or emissions, if the Administrator

determines that, with respect to a reporting entity, there is no continuous monitoring system or alternative system described in clause (i) or (ii) that is technically feasible;

‘(H) require that the Administrator, in determining the extent to which the requirement to use systems or methodologies in accordance with subparagraph (G) is appropriate for reporting entities other than covered entities or for greenhouse gases to which section 722 does not apply, consider the cost of using such systems and methodologies, and of using other systems and methodologies that are available and suitable, for quantifying the emissions involved in light of the purposes of this title, including the goal of collecting consistent entity-wide data;

‘(I) include methods for minimizing double reporting and avoiding irreconcilable double reporting of greenhouse gas emissions;

‘(J) establish measurement protocols for carbon capture and sequestration systems, taking into consideration the regulations promulgated under section 813;

‘(K) require that reporting entities provide the data required under this paragraph in reports submitted electronically to the Administrator, in such form and containing such information as may be required by the Administrator;

‘(L) include requirements for keeping records supporting or related to, and protocols for auditing, submitted data;

‘(M) establish consistent policies for calculating carbon content and greenhouse gas emissions for each type of fossil fuel with respect to which reporting is required;

‘(N) subsequent to implementation of policies developed under subparagraph (M), provide for immediate dissemination, to States, Indian tribes, and on the Internet, of all data reported under this section as soon as practicable after electronic audit by the Administrator and any resulting correction of data, except that data shall not be disseminated under this subparagraph if--

‘(i) its nondissemination is vital to the national security of the United States, as determined by the President; or

‘(ii) it is confidential business information that cannot be derived from information that is otherwise publicly available and that would cause significant calculable competitive harm if published, except that--

‘(I) data relating to greenhouse gas emissions, including any upstream or verification data from reporting entities, shall not be considered to be confidential business information; and

‘(II) data that is confidential business information shall be provided to a State or Indian tribe within whose jurisdiction the reporting entity is located, if the Administrator determines that such State or Indian tribe has in effect protections for confidential business information that are at least as protective as protections applicable to the Federal Government;

‘(O) prescribe methods by which the Administrator shall, in cases in which satisfactory data are not submitted to the Administrator for any period of time, estimate emission, production, importation, manufacture, or delivery levels--

‘(i) for covered entities with respect to greenhouse gas emissions, production, importation, manufacture, or

delivery regulated under this title to ensure that emissions, production, importation, manufacture, or deliveries are not underreported, and to create a strong incentive for meeting data monitoring and reporting requirements--

‘(I) with a conservative estimate of the highest emission, production, importation, manufacture, or delivery levels that may have occurred during the period for which data are missing; or

‘(II) to the extent the Administrator considers appropriate, with an estimate of such levels assuming the unit is emitting, producing, importing, manufacturing, or delivering at a maximum potential level during the period, in order to ensure that such levels are not underreported and to create a strong incentive for meeting data monitoring and reporting requirements; and

‘(ii) for covered entities with respect to greenhouse gas emissions to which section 722 does not apply and for other reporting entities, with a reasonable estimate of the emission, production, importation, manufacture, or delivery levels that may have occurred during the period for which data are missing;

‘(P) require the designation of a designated representative for each reporting entity;

‘(Q) require an appropriate certification, by the designated representative for the reporting entity, of accurate and complete accounting of greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the Administrator; and

‘(R) include requirements for other data necessary for accurate and complete accounting of greenhouse gas

emissions, as determined by the Administrator, including data for quality assurance of monitoring systems, monitors and other measurement devices, and other data needed to verify reported emissions, production, importation, manufacture, or delivery.

‘(2) TIMING-

‘(A) CALENDAR YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2010- For a base period of calendar years 2007 through 2010, each reporting entity shall submit annual data required under this section to the Administrator not later than March 31, 2011. The Administrator may waive or modify reporting requirements for calendar years 2007 through 2010 for categories of reporting entities to the extent that the Administrator determines that the reporting entities did not keep data or records necessary to meet reporting requirements. The Administrator may, in addition to or in lieu of such requirements, collect information on energy consumption and production.

‘(B) SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS- For calendar year 2011 and each subsequent calendar year, each reporting entity shall submit quarterly data required under this section to the Administrator not later than 60 days after the end of the applicable quarter, except when the data is already being reported to the Administrator on an earlier timeframe for another program.

‘(3) WAIVER OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS- The Administrator may waive reporting requirements under this section for specific entities to the extent that the Administrator determines that sufficient and equally or more reliable verified and timely data are available to the Administrator and the public on the Internet under other mandatory statutory requirements.

‘(4) ALTERNATIVE THRESHOLD- The Administrator may,

by rule, establish applicability thresholds for reporting under this section using alternative metrics and levels, provided that such metrics and levels are easier to administer and cover the same size and type of sources as the threshold defined in this section.

‘(c) Interrelationship With Other Systems- In developing the regulations issued under subsection (b), the Administrator shall take into account the work done by the Climate Registry and other mandatory State or multistate programs. Such regulations shall include an explanation of any major differences in approach between the system established under the regulations and such registries and programs.

‘PART C--PROGRAM RULES

‘SEC. 721. EMISSION ALLOWANCES.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator shall establish a separate quantity of emission allowances for each calendar year starting in 2012, in the amounts prescribed under subsection (e).

‘(b) Identification Numbers- The Administrator shall assign to each emission allowance established under subsection (a) a unique identification number that includes the vintage year for that emission allowance.

‘(c) Legal Status of Emission Allowances-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- An allowance established by the Administrator under this title does not constitute a property right, nor does any offset credit or other instrument established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, and the amendments made thereby, for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with this title.

‘(2) TERMINATION OR LIMITATION- Nothing in this Act or any other provision of law shall be construed to limit or alter the authority of the United States, including the Administrator acting pursuant to statutory authority, to terminate or limit allowances, offset credits, or term offset credits.

‘(3) OTHER PROVISIONS UNAFFECTED- Except as otherwise specified in this Act, nothing in this Act relating to allowances, offset credits, or term offset credits established or issued under this title shall affect the application of any other provision of law to a covered entity, or the responsibility for a covered entity to comply with any such provision of law.

‘(d) Savings Provision- Nothing in this part shall be construed as requiring a change of any kind in any State law regulating electric utility rates and charges, or as affecting any State law regarding such State regulation, or as limiting State regulation (including any prudency review) under such a State law. Nothing in this part shall be construed as modifying the Federal Power Act or as affecting the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under that Act. Nothing in this part shall be construed to interfere with or impair any program for competitive bidding for power supply in a State in which such program is established.

‘(e) Allowances for Each Calendar Year-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in paragraph (2), the number of emission allowances established by the Administrator under subsection (a) for each calendar year shall be as provided in the following table:

‘Calendar year Emission allowances (in millions)

2012

4,627

2013	4,544
2014	5,099
2015	5,003
2016	5,482
2017	5,375
2018	5,269
2019	5,162
2020	5,056
2021	4,903
2022	4,751
2023	4,599
2024	4,446
2025	4,294
2026	4,142
2027	3,990
2028	3,837
2029	3,685
2030	3,533
2031	3,408
2032	3,283
2033	3,158
2034	3,033
2035	2,908
2036	2,784
2037	2,659

2038	2,534	
2039	2,409	
2040	2,284	
2041	2,159	
2042	2,034	
2043	1,910	
2044	1,785	
2045	1,660	
2046	1,535	
2047	1,410	
2048	1,285	
2049	1,160	
2050 and each year thereafter		1,035

‘(2) REVISION-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The Administrator may adjust, in accordance with subparagraph (B), the number of emission allowances established pursuant to paragraph (1) if, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, the Administrator determines that--

‘(i) United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005 were other than 7,206 million metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent;

‘(ii) if the requirements of this title for 2012 had been in effect in 2005, section 722 would have required emission allowances to be held for other than 66.2 percent of United States greenhouse gas emissions in

2005;

‘(iii) if the requirements of this title for 2014 had been in effect in 2005, section 722 would have required emission allowances to be held for other than 75.7 percent of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005; or

‘(iv) if the requirements of this title for 2016 had been in effect in 2005, section 722 would have required emission allowances to be held for other than 84.5 percent United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005.

‘(B) ADJUSTMENT FORMULA-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- If the Administrator adjusts under this paragraph the number of emission allowances established pursuant to paragraph (1), the number of emission allowances the Administrator establishes for any given calendar year shall equal the product of--

‘(I) United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent;

‘(II) the percent of United States greenhouse gas emissions in 2005, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, that would have been subject to section 722 if the requirements of this title for the given calendar year had been in effect in 2005; and

‘(III) the percentage set forth for that calendar year in section 703(a), or determined under clause (ii) of this subparagraph.

‘(ii) TARGETS- In applying the portion of the formula

in clause (i)(III) of this subparagraph, for calendar years for which a percentage is not listed in section 703(a), the Administrator shall use a uniform annual decline in the amount of emissions between the years that are specified.

‘(iii) CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT VALUE- If the Administrator adjusts under this paragraph the number of emission allowances established pursuant to paragraph (1), the Administrator shall use the carbon dioxide equivalent values established pursuant to section 712.

‘(iv) LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENT TIMING- Once a calendar year has started, the Administrator may not adjust the number of emission allowances to be established for that calendar year.

‘(C) LIMITATION ON ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY- The Administrator may adjust under this paragraph the number of emission allowances to be established pursuant to paragraph (1) only once.

‘(f) Compensatory Allowance-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The regulations promulgated under subsection (h) shall provide for the establishment and distribution of compensatory allowances for--

‘(A) the destruction, in 2012 or later, of fluorinated gases that are greenhouse gases if--

‘(i) allowances or offset credits were retired for their production or importation; and

‘(ii) such gases are not required to be destroyed under any other provision of law;

‘(B) the nonemissive use, in 2012 or later, of petroleum-based or coal-based liquid or gaseous fuel, petroleum coke, natural gas liquid, or natural gas as a feedstock, if allowances or offset credits were retired for the greenhouse gases that would have been emitted from their combustion; and

‘(C) the conversionary use, in 2012 or later, of fluorinated gases in a manufacturing process, including semiconductor research or manufacturing, if allowances or offset credits were retired for the production or importation of such gas.

‘(2) ESTABLISHMENT AND DISTRIBUTION-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than 90 days after the end of each calendar year, the Administrator shall establish and distribute to the entity taking the actions described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) a quantity of compensatory allowances equivalent to the number of tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of avoided emissions achieved through such actions. In establishing the quantity of compensatory allowances, the Administrator shall take into account the carbon dioxide equivalent value of any greenhouse gas resulting from such action.

‘(B) SOURCE OF ALLOWANCES- Compensatory allowances established under this subsection shall not be emission allowances established under subsection (a).

‘(C) IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS- The Administrator shall assign to each compensatory allowance established under subparagraph (A) a unique identification number.

‘(3) DEFINITIONS- For purposes of this subsection--

‘(A) the term ‘destruction’ means the conversion of a greenhouse gas by thermal, chemical, or other means to

another gas or set of gases with little or no carbon dioxide equivalent value;

‘(B) the term ‘nonemissive use’ means the use of fossil fuel as a feedstock in an industrial or manufacturing process to the extent that greenhouse gases are not emitted from such process, and to the extent that the products of such process are not intended for use as, or to be contained in, a fuel; and

‘(C) the term ‘conversionary use’ means the conversion during research or manufacturing of a fluorinated gas into another greenhouse gas or set of gases with a lower carbon dioxide equivalent value.

‘(4) FEEDSTOCK EMISSIONS STUDY-

‘(A) The Administrator may conduct a study to determine the extent to which petroleum-based or coal-based liquid or gaseous fuel, petroleum coke, natural gas liquid, or natural gas are used as feedstocks in manufacturing processes to produce products and the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from such uses.

‘(B) If as a result of such a study, the Administrator determines that the use of such products by noncovered sources results in substantial emissions of greenhouse gases and that such emissions have not been adequately addressed under other requirements of this Act, the Administrator may, after notice and comment rulemaking, promulgate a regulation reducing compensatory allowances commensurately if doing so will not result in shifting such emissions to noncovered sources.

‘(g) Fluorinated Gases Assessment- No later than March 31, 2014, the Administrator shall complete an assessment of the regulation of non-HFC fluorinated gases under this title to determine whether the most appropriate point of regulation is at the gas manufacturer or

importer level, or at the source of emissions downstream. If the Administrator determines, based on consideration of environmental effectiveness, cost effectiveness, administrative feasibility, extent of coverage of emissions, competitiveness and other relevant considerations consistent with the purposes of this title, that emissions of non-HFC fluorinated gases can best be regulated by designating downstream emission sources as covered entities with compliance obligations under section 722, the Administrator shall, after notice and comment rulemaking, change the definition of covered entity and the compliance obligations under section 722 with respect to non-HFC fluorinated gases accordingly, consistent with the purposes of this title, and establish such other requirements as are necessary to ensure compliance for such entities with the requirements of this title.

‘(h) Regulations- Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this title.

‘SEC. 722. PROHIBITION OF EXCESS EMISSIONS.

‘(a) Prohibition- Except as provided in subsection (c), effective January 1, 2012, each covered entity is prohibited from emitting greenhouse gases and having attributable greenhouse gas emissions, in combination, in excess of its allowable emissions level. A covered entity’s allowable emissions level for each calendar year is the number of emission allowances (or offset credits or other allowances as provided in subsection (d)) it holds as of 12:01 a.m. on April 1 (or a later date established by the Administrator under subsection (j)) of the following calendar year.

‘(b) Methods of Demonstrating Compliance- Except as otherwise provided in this section, the owner or operator of a covered entity shall not be considered to be in compliance with the prohibition in subsection (a) unless, as of 12:01 a.m. on April 1 (or a later date established by the Administrator under subsection (j)) of each

calendar year starting in 2013, the owner or operator holds a quantity of emission allowances (or offset credits or other allowances as provided in subsection (d)) at least as great as the quantity calculated as follows:

‘(1) **ELECTRICITY SOURCES**- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(A), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that such covered entity emitted in the previous calendar year, excluding emissions resulting from the combustion of--

‘(A) petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel;

‘(B) natural gas liquid;

‘(C) renewable biomass or gas derived from renewable biomass; or

‘(D) petroleum coke or gas derived from petroleum coke.

‘(2) **FUEL PRODUCERS AND IMPORTERS**- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(B), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that would be emitted from the combustion of any petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel, petroleum coke, or natural gas liquid, produced or imported by such covered entity during the previous calendar year for sale or distribution in interstate commerce, assuming no capture and sequestration of any greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(3) **INDUSTRIAL GAS PRODUCERS AND IMPORTERS**- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(C), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of fossil fuel-based carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, or any other fluorinated gas that is a greenhouse gas (except for nitrogen trifluoride), or any combination thereof, produced or imported by such covered entity during the previous calendar year for

sale or distribution in interstate commerce.

‘(4) NITROGEN TRIFLUORIDE SOURCES- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(D), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of nitrogen trifluoride that such covered entity emitted in the previous calendar year.

‘(5) GEOLOGICAL SEQUESTRATION SITES- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(E), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that such covered entity emitted in the previous calendar year.

‘(6) INDUSTRIAL STATIONARY SOURCES- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(F), (G), or (H), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that such covered entity emitted in the previous calendar year, excluding emissions resulting from--

‘(A) the combustion of petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel;

‘(B) the combustion of natural gas liquid;

‘(C) the combustion of renewable biomass or gas derived from renewable biomass;

‘(D) the combustion of petroleum coke or gas derived from petroleum coke; or

‘(E) the use of any fluorinated gas that is a greenhouse gas purchased for use at that covered entity, except for nitrogen trifluoride.

‘(7) INDUSTRIAL FOSSIL FUEL-FIRED COMBUSTION DEVICES- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(I), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide

equivalent of greenhouse gas that the devices emitted in the previous calendar year, excluding emissions resulting from the combustion of--

‘(A) petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel;

‘(B) natural gas liquid;

‘(C) renewable biomass or gas derived from renewable biomass; or

‘(D) petroleum coke or gas derived from petroleum coke.

‘(8) NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

COMPANIES- For a covered entity described in section 700(13)(J), 1 emission allowance for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that would be emitted from the combustion of the natural gas, and any other gas meeting the specifications for commingling with natural gas for purposes of delivery, that such entity delivered during the previous calendar year to customers that are not covered entities, assuming no capture and sequestration of that greenhouse gas.

‘(9) ALGAE-BASED FUELS- Where carbon dioxide (or another greenhouse gas) generated by a covered entity is used as an input in the production of algae-based fuels, the Administrator shall ensure that emission allowances are required to be held either for the carbon dioxide generated by a covered entity that is used to grow the algae or for the portion of the carbon dioxide emitted from combustion of the fuel produced from such algae that is attributable to carbon dioxide generated by a covered entity, but not for both.

‘(10) FUGITIVE EMISSIONS- The greenhouse gas emissions to which paragraphs (1), (4), (6), and (7) apply shall not include fugitive emissions of greenhouse gas, except to the extent the

Administrator determines that data on the carbon dioxide equivalent value of greenhouse gas in the fugitive emissions can be provided with sufficient precision, reliability, accessibility, and timeliness to ensure the integrity of emission allowances, the allowance tracking system, and the cap on emissions.

‘(11) EXPORT EXEMPTION- This section shall not apply to any petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel, petroleum coke, natural gas liquid, fossil fuel-based carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, or fluorinated gas that is exported for sale or use.

‘(12) NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS- For natural gas liquids, the covered entity subject to the requirement stated in paragraph (2) shall be the owner of the natural gas liquids at the point the natural gas liquids are separated into merchantable products.

‘(13) APPLICATION OF MULTIPLE PARAGRAPHS- For a covered entity to which more than 1 of paragraphs (1) through (8) apply, all applicable paragraphs shall apply, except that not more than 1 emission allowance shall be required for the same emission.

‘(14) APPLICATION TO FRACTIONS OF TONS- In applying paragraphs (1) through (8), any amount less than 1 ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of emissions or attributable greenhouse gas emissions shall be treated as 1 ton of such carbon dioxide equivalent.

‘(c) Phase-in of Prohibition-

‘(1) INDUSTRIAL STATIONARY SOURCES- The prohibition under subsection (a) shall first apply to a covered entity described in section 700(13)(D), (F), (G), (H), or (I), with respect to emissions occurring during calendar year 2014.

‘(2) NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES- The prohibition under subsection (a) shall first

apply to a covered entity described in section 700(13)(J) with respect to deliveries occurring during calendar year 2016.

‘(d) Additional Methods- In addition to using the method of compliance described in subsection (b), a covered entity may do the following:

‘(1) OFFSET CREDITS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Covered entities collectively may, in accordance with this paragraph, use offset credits to demonstrate compliance for up to a maximum of 2 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. The ability to demonstrate compliance with offset credits shall be divided pro rata among covered entities by allowing each covered entity to satisfy a percentage of the number of allowances required to be held under subsection (b) to demonstrate compliance by holding 1 domestic offset credit or 1.25 international offset credits in lieu of an emission allowance, except as provided in subparagraph (D).

‘(B) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE- The percentage referred to in subparagraph (A) for a given calendar year shall be determined by dividing 2 billion by the sum of 2 billion plus the number of emission allowances established under section 721(a) for the previous year, and multiplying that number by 100. Not more than one half of the applicable percentage under this paragraph may be used by holding domestic offset credits, and not more than one half of the applicable percentage under this paragraph may be used by holding international offset credits, except as provided in subparagraph (C).

‘(C) MODIFIED PERCENTAGES- If the Administrator determines that domestic offset credits available for use in demonstrating compliance in any calendar year at domestic offset prices generally equal to or less than emission

allowance prices, are likely to offset less than 0.9 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions (measured in tons of carbon dioxide equivalents), for purposes of compliance demonstration in that year the Administrator shall--

‘(i) increase the percentage of emissions that can be offset through the use of international offset credits to reflect the amount that 1.0 billion exceeds the number of domestic offset credits the Administrator determines is available, at prices generally equal to or less than emission allowance prices, for that year, up to a maximum of 0.5 billion tons of greenhouse gas emissions; and

‘(ii) decrease the percentage of emissions that can be offset through the use of domestic offset credits by the same amount.

‘(D) INTERNATIONAL OFFSET CREDITS-

Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), to demonstrate compliance prior to calendar year 2018, a covered entity may use 1 international offset credit in lieu of an emission allowance up to the amount permitted under this paragraph.

‘(E) President’S RECOMMENDATION- The President may make a recommendation to Congress as to whether the number 2 billion specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) should be increased or decreased.

‘(2) TERM OFFSET CREDITS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Covered entities may, in accordance with this paragraph, use non-expired term offset credits instead of domestic offset credits for purposes of temporarily demonstrating compliance with this section.

‘(B) AMOUNT- The combined quantity of term offset

credits and domestic offset credits used by a covered entity to demonstrate compliance for its emissions or attributable greenhouse gas emissions in any given year shall not exceed the quantity of domestic offset credits that a covered entity is entitled to use for that year to demonstrate compliance in accordance with paragraph (1).

‘(C) EXPIRATION- A term offset credit shall expire in the year after its term ends. The term of a term offset credit shall be calculated by adding to the year of issuance the number of years equal to the length of the crediting period for the practice or project for which the term offset credit was issued, but in no case shall be later than the date 5 years from the date of issuance.

‘(D) DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE UPON EXPIRATION OF TERM OFFSET CREDIT- With respect to the emissions for which a covered entity is using term offset credits to demonstrate compliance temporarily with this section, the owner or operator of a covered entity shall not be considered to be in compliance with the prohibition in subsection (a) unless, as of 12:01 a.m. on April 1 (or a later date established by the Administrator under subsection (j)) of the calendar year in which a term offset credit expires, the owner or operator holds--

‘(i) for purposes of finally demonstrating compliance, an allowance or a domestic offset credit; or

‘(ii) for purposes of temporarily demonstrating compliance, a non-expired term offset credit.

Domestic offset credits used for purposes of finally demonstrating compliance under this subparagraph shall not be subject to the percentage limitations in subparagraph (B).

‘(E) FINANCIAL ASSURANCE- A covered entity may not use a term offset credit to demonstrate compliance temporarily unless it simultaneously provides to the Administrator financial assurance that, at the end of the term offset credit’s crediting term, the covered entity will have sufficient resources to obtain the quantity of allowances or credits necessary to demonstrate final compliance. The Administrator shall issue regulations establishing requirements for such financial assurance, which shall take into account the increased risk associated with longer crediting terms. These regulations shall take into account the total number of tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions for which a covered entity is demonstrating compliance temporarily, and may set a limit on this amount. In the event that a covered entity that used term offset credits to demonstrate compliance temporarily fails to meet the requirements of subparagraph (D) at the end of the term offset credits’ crediting term, if the financial assurance mechanism fails to provide to the Administrator the number of allowances or offset credits for which the crediting term has expired, then the Administrator shall retire that number of allowances with the vintage year 2 years after the year in which the term offset credit expires in the same amount. Allowances so retired shall not be counted as emission allowances established for that calendar year under section 721(a).

‘(3) INTERNATIONAL EMISSION ALLOWANCES- To demonstrate compliance, a covered entity may hold an international emission allowance in lieu of an emission allowance, except as modified under section 728(d).

‘(4) COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCES- To demonstrate compliance, a covered entity may hold a compensatory allowance obtained under section 721(f) in lieu of an emission allowance.

‘(e) Retirement of Allowances and Credits- As soon as practicable after a deadline established for covered entities to demonstrate compliance with this title, the Administrator shall retire the quantity of allowances or credits required to be held under this title.

‘(f) Alternative Metrics- For categories of covered entities described in subparagraph (B), (C), (D), (G), (H), or (I) of section 700(13), the Administrator may, by rule, establish an applicability threshold for inclusion under those subparagraphs using an alternative metric and level, provided that such metric and level are easier to administer and cover the same size and type of sources as the threshold defined in such subparagraphs.

‘(g) Threshold Review- For each category of covered entities described in subparagraph (B), (C), (D), (G), (H), or (I) of section 700(13), the Administrator shall, in 2020 and once every 8 years thereafter, review the carbon dioxide equivalent emission threshold that is used to define covered entities in such category. After consideration of--

‘(1) emissions from covered entities in such category, and from other entities of the same type that emit less than the threshold amount for the category (including emission sources that commence operation after the date of enactment of this title that are not covered entities); and

‘(2) whether greater greenhouse gas emission reductions can be cost-effectively achieved by lowering the applicable threshold,

the Administrator may by rule lower such threshold to not less than 10,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions. In determining the cost effectiveness of potential reductions from lowering the threshold for covered entities, the Administrator shall consider alternative regulatory greenhouse gas programs, including setting standards under other titles of this Act.

‘(h) Designated Representatives- The regulations promulgated

under section 721(h) shall require that each covered entity, and each entity holding allowances or offset credits or receiving allowances or offset credits from the Administrator under this title, submit to the Administrator a certificate of representation designating a designated representative.

‘(i) Education and Outreach-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall establish and carry out a program of education and outreach to assist covered entities, especially entities having little experience with environmental regulatory requirements similar or comparable to those under this title, in preparing to meet the compliance obligations of this title. Such program shall include education with respect to using markets to effectively achieve such compliance.

‘(2) FAILURE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION- A failure to receive information or assistance under this subsection may not be used as a defense against an allegation of any violation of this title.

‘(j) Adjustment of Deadline- The Administrator may, by rule, establish a deadline for demonstrating compliance, for a calendar year, later than the date provided in subsection (a), as necessary to ensure the availability of emissions data, but in no event shall the deadline be later than June 1.

‘(k) Notice Requirement for Covered Entities Receiving Natural Gas From Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies- The owner or operator of a covered entity that takes delivery of natural gas from a natural gas local distribution company shall, not later than September 1 of each calendar year, notify such natural gas local distribution company in writing that such entity will qualify as a covered entity under this title for that calendar year.

‘(l) Compliance Obligation- For purposes of this title, the year of a

compliance obligation is the year in which compliance is determined, not the year in which the greenhouse gas emissions occur or the covered entity has attributable greenhouse gas emissions.

‘SEC. 723. PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

‘(a) Enforcement- A violation of any prohibition of, requirement of, or regulation promulgated pursuant to this title shall be a violation of this Act. It shall be a violation of this Act for a covered entity to emit greenhouse gases and have attributable greenhouse gas emissions, in combination, in excess of its allowable emissions level as provided in section 722(a). Each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent for which a covered entity fails to demonstrate compliance under section 722 shall be a separate violation. In the event that a covered entity fails to demonstrate compliance at the expiration of a term offset credit’s crediting term as required by section 722(d)(2)(D), the year of the violation shall be the year in which the term offset credit expires.

‘(b) Excess Emissions Penalty-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The owner or operator of any covered entity that fails for any year to comply, on the deadline described in section 722(a), (d)(2), or (j), shall be liable for payment to the Administrator of an excess emissions penalty in the amount described in paragraph (2).

‘(2) AMOUNT- The amount of an excess emissions penalty required to be paid under paragraph (1) shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying--

‘(A) the tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas emissions or attributable greenhouse gas emissions for which the owner or operator of a covered entity failed to demonstrate compliance under section 722 on the deadline;

by

‘(B) twice the auction clearing price for the earliest vintage year emission allowances in the last auction carried out pursuant to section 791 before such deadline.

‘(3) TIMING- An excess emissions penalty required under this subsection shall be immediately due and payable to the Administrator, without demand, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Administrator, which shall be issued not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title.

‘(4) NO EFFECT ON LIABILITY- An excess emissions penalty due and payable by the owners or operators of a covered entity under this subsection shall not diminish the liability of the owners or operators for any fine, penalty, or assessment against the owners or operators for the same violation under any other provision of this Act or any other law.

‘(c) Excess Emissions Allowances- The owner or operator of a covered entity that fails for any year to comply on the deadline described in section 722(a), (d)(2), or (j) shall be liable to offset the covered entity’s excess combination of greenhouse gases emitted and attributable greenhouse gas emissions by an equal quantity of emission allowances during the following calendar year, or such longer period as the Administrator may prescribe. During the year in which the covered entity failed to comply, or any year thereafter, the Administrator may deduct the emission allowances required under this subsection to offset the covered entity’s excess greenhouse gas emissions or attributable greenhouse gas emissions.

‘SEC. 724. TRADING.

‘(a) Permitted Transactions- Except as otherwise provided in this title, the lawful holder of an emission allowance, compensatory allowance, or offset credit may, without restriction, sell, exchange,

transfer, hold for compliance in accordance with section 722, or request that the Administrator retire the emission allowance, compensatory allowance, or offset credit.

‘(b) No Restriction on Transactions- The privilege of purchasing, holding, selling, exchanging, transferring, and requesting retirement of emission allowances, compensatory allowances, or offset credits shall not be restricted to the owners and operators of covered entities, except as otherwise provided in this title.

‘(c) Effectiveness of Allowance Transfers- No transfer of an allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit shall be effective for purposes of this title until a certification of the transfer, signed by the designated representative of the transferor, is received and recorded by the Administrator in accordance with regulations promulgated under section 721(h).

‘(d) Allowance Tracking System- The regulations promulgated under section 721(h) shall include a system for issuing, recording, holding, and tracking allowances, offset credits, and term offset credits that shall specify all necessary procedures and requirements for an orderly and competitive functioning of the allowance and offset credit markets. Such regulations shall provide for appropriate publication of the information in the system on the Internet.

‘SEC. 725. BANKING AND BORROWING.

‘(a) Banking- An emission allowance may be used to comply with section 722 or section 723 for emissions in--

‘(1) the vintage year for the allowance; or

‘(2) any calendar year subsequent to the vintage year for the allowance.

‘(b) Expiration-

‘(1) REGULATIONS- The Administrator may establish by regulation criteria and procedures for determining whether, and for implementing a determination that, the expiration of an allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit, established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 or the amendments made thereby, or expiration of the ability to use an international emission allowance to comply with section 722, is necessary to ensure the authenticity and integrity of allowances, offset credits, or term offset credits or the allowance tracking system.

‘(2) GENERAL RULE- An allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit, established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 or the amendments made thereby, shall not expire unless--

‘(A) it is retired by the Administrator pursuant to this title; or

‘(B) it is determined to expire or to have expired by a specific date by the Administrator in accordance with regulations promulgated under paragraph (1).

‘(3) INTERNATIONAL EMISSION ALLOWANCES- The ability to use an international emission allowance to comply with section 722 shall not expire unless--

‘(A) the allowance is retired by the Administrator pursuant to this title; or

‘(B) the ability to use such allowance to meet such compliance obligation requirements is determined to expire or to have expired by a specific date by the Administrator in accordance with regulations promulgated under paragraph (1).

‘(c) Borrowing Future Vintage Year Allowances-

‘(1) BORROWING WITHOUT INTEREST- In addition to the uses described in subsection (a), an emission allowance may be used to demonstrate compliance under section 722 or comply with section 723 for emissions, production, importation, manufacture, or deliveries in the calendar year immediately preceding the vintage year for the allowance.

‘(2) BORROWING WITH INTEREST-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- A covered entity may demonstrate compliance under section 722 in a specific calendar year for up to 15 percent of its emissions by holding emission allowances with a vintage year 1 to 5 years later than that calendar year.

‘(B) LIMITATIONS- An emission allowance borrowed pursuant to this paragraph shall be an emission allowance that is established by the Administrator for a specific future calendar year under section 721(a) and that is held by the borrower.

‘(C) PREPAYMENT OF INTEREST- For each emission allowance that an owner or operator of a covered entity borrows pursuant to this paragraph, such owner or operator shall, at the time it borrows the allowance, hold for retirement by the Administrator, and the Administrator shall retire, a quantity of emission allowances that is equal to the product obtained by multiplying--

‘(i) 0.08; by

‘(ii) the number of years between the calendar year in which the allowance is being used to satisfy a compliance obligation and the vintage year of the allowance.

‘SEC. 726. STRATEGIC RESERVE.

‘(a) Strategic Reserve Auctions-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Once each quarter of each calendar year for which allowances are established under section 721(a), the Administrator shall auction strategic reserve allowances.

‘(2) RESTRICTION TO COVERED ENTITIES- In each auction conducted under paragraph (1), only covered entities that the Administrator expects will be required to comply with section 722 in the following calendar year shall be eligible to make purchases.

‘(b) Pool of Emission Allowances for Strategic Reserve Auctions-

‘(1) FILLING THE STRATEGIC RESERVE INITIALLY-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall, not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, establish a strategic reserve account, and shall place in that account an amount of emission allowances established under section 721(a) for each calendar year from 2012 through 2050 in the amounts specified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

‘(B) AMOUNT- The amount referred to in subparagraph (A) shall be--

‘(i) for each of calendar years 2012 through 2019, 1 percent of the quantity of emission allowances established for that year pursuant to section 721(e)(1);

‘(ii) for each of calendar years 2020 through 2029, 2 percent of the quantity of emission allowances established for that year pursuant to section 721(e)(1); and

‘(iii) for each of calendar years 2030 through 2050, 3

percent of the quantity of emission allowances established for that year pursuant to section 721(e)(1).

‘(C) EFFECT ON OTHER PROVISIONS- Any provision in this title (except for subparagraph (B) of this paragraph) that refers to a quantity or percentage of the emission allowances established for a calendar year under section 721(a) shall be considered to refer to the amount of emission allowances as determined pursuant to section 721(e), less any emission allowances established for that year that are placed in the strategic reserve account under this paragraph.

‘(2) SUPPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC RESERVE- The Administrator shall also--

‘(A) at the end of each calendar year, transfer to the strategic reserve account each emission allowance that was offered for sale but not sold at any auction conducted under section 791; and

‘(B) deposit emission allowances established under subsection (g) from auction proceeds into the strategic reserve, to the extent necessary to maintain the reserve at its original size.

‘(c) Minimum Strategic Reserve Auction Price-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- At each strategic reserve auction, the Administrator shall offer emission allowances for sale beginning at a minimum price per emission allowance, which shall be known as the ‘minimum strategic reserve auction price’.

‘(2) INITIAL MINIMUM STRATEGIC RESERVE AUCTION PRICES- The minimum strategic reserve auction price shall be \$28 (in constant 2009 dollars) for the strategic reserve auctions held in 2012. For the strategic reserve auctions held in 2013

and 2014, the minimum strategic reserve auction price shall be the strategic reserve auction price for the previous year increased by 5 percent plus the rate of inflation (as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers).

‘(3) MINIMUM STRATEGIC RESERVE AUCTION PRICE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS- For each strategic reserve auction held in 2015 and each year thereafter, the minimum strategic reserve auction price shall be 60 percent above a rolling 36-month average of the daily closing price for that year’s emission allowance vintage as reported on registered carbon trading facilities, calculated using constant dollars.

‘(d) Quantity of Emission Allowances Released From the Strategic Reserve-

‘(1) INITIAL LIMITS- For each of calendar years 2012 through 2016, the annual limit on the number of emission allowances from the strategic reserve account that may be auctioned is an amount equal to 5 percent of the emission allowances established for that calendar year under section 721(a). This limit does not apply to international offset credits sold on consignment pursuant to subsection (h).

‘(2) LIMITS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS- For calendar year 2017 and each year thereafter, the annual limit on the number of emission allowances from the strategic reserve account that may be auctioned is an amount equal to 10 percent of the emission allowances established for that calendar year under section 721(a). This limit does not apply to international offset credits sold on consignment pursuant to subsection (h).

‘(3) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION- One-fourth of each year’s annual strategic reserve auction limit under this subsection shall be made available for auction in each quarter. Any allowances from the strategic reserve account that are made available for sale in a quarterly auction and not sold shall

be rolled over and added to the quantity available for sale in the following quarter, except that allowances not sold at auction in the fourth quarter of a year shall not be rolled over to the following calendar year's auctions, but shall be returned to the strategic reserve account.

‘(e) Purchase Limit-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in paragraph (2) or (3), the annual number of emission allowances that a covered entity may purchase at the strategic reserve auctions in each calendar year shall not exceed 20 percent of the covered entity's combined greenhouse gas emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions during the most recent year for which allowances or offset credits were retired under section 722.

‘(2) 2012 LIMIT- For calendar year 2012, the maximum aggregate number of emission allowances that a covered entity may purchase from that year's strategic reserve auctions shall be 20 percent of the covered entity's combined greenhouse gas emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions that the covered entity reported to the registry established under section 713 for 2011 and that would be subject to section 722(a) if occurring in later calendar years.

‘(3) NEW ENTRANTS- The Administrator shall, by regulation, establish a separate purchase limit applicable to entities that expect to become a covered entity in the year of the auction, permitting them to purchase emission allowances at the strategic reserve auctions in their first calendar year of operation in an amount of at least 20 percent of their expected combined greenhouse gas emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions for that year.

‘(f) Delegation or Contract- Pursuant to regulations under this section, the Administrator may, by delegation or contract, provide for the conduct of strategic reserve auctions under the

Administrator's supervision by other departments or agencies of the Federal Government or by nongovernmental agencies, groups, or organizations.

‘(g) Use of Auction Proceeds-

‘(1) DEPOSIT IN STRATEGIC RESERVE FUND- The proceeds from strategic reserve auctions shall be placed in the Strategic Reserve Fund established under section 793(1), and shall be available without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation for the purposes described in this subsection.

‘(2) INTERNATIONAL OFFSET CREDITS FOR REDUCED DEFORESTATION- The Administrator shall use the proceeds from each strategic reserve auction to purchase international offset credits issued for reduced deforestation activities pursuant to section 743(e). The Administrator shall retire those international offset credits and establish a number of emission allowances equal to 80 percent of the number of international offset credits so retired. Emission allowances established under this paragraph shall be in addition to those established under section 721(a).

‘(3) EMISSION ALLOWANCES- The Administrator shall deposit emission allowances established under paragraph (2) in the strategic reserve, except that, with respect to any such emission allowances in excess of the amount necessary to fill the strategic reserve to its original size, the Administrator shall--

‘(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), assign a vintage year to the emission allowance, which shall be no earlier than the year in which the allowance is established under paragraph (2), and shall treat such allowances as ones that are not designated for distribution or auction for purposes of section 782(q) and (r); and

‘(B) to the extent any such allowances cannot be assigned a vintage year because of the limitation in paragraph (4), retire the allowances.

‘(4) LIMITATION- In no case may the Administrator assign under paragraph (3)(A) more emission allowances to a vintage year than the number of emission allowances from that vintage year that were placed in the strategic reserve account under subsection (b)(1).

‘(h) Availability of International Offset Credits for Auction-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The regulations promulgated under section 721(h) shall allow any entity holding international offset credits from reduced deforestation issued under section 743(e) to request that the Administrator include such offset credits in an upcoming strategic reserve auction. The regulations shall provide that--

‘(A) such international offset credits will be used to fill bid orders only after the supply of strategic reserve allowances available for sale at that auction has been depleted;

‘(B) international offset credits may be sold at a strategic reserve auction under this subsection only if the Administrator determines that it is highly likely that covered entities will, to cover emissions occurring in the year the auction is held, use offset credits to demonstrate compliance under section 722 for emissions equal to or greater than 80 percent of 2 billion tons of carbon dioxide equivalent;

‘(C) upon sale of such international offset credits, the Administrator shall retire those international offset credits, and establish and provide to the purchasers a number of emission allowances equal to 80 percent of the number of international offset credits so retired, which allowances

shall be in addition to those established under section 721(a); and

‘(D) for international offset credits sold pursuant to this subsection, the proceeds for the entity that offered the international offset credits for sale shall be the lesser of--

‘(i) the average daily closing price for international offset credits sold on registered exchanges (or if such price is unavailable, the average price as determined by the Administrator) during the six months prior to the strategic reserve auction at which they were auctioned, with the remaining funds collected upon the sale of the international offset credits deposited in the Treasury; and

‘(ii) the amount received for the international offset credits at the auction.

‘(2) PROCEEDS- For international offset credits sold pursuant to this subsection, notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law, within 90 days of receipt, the United States shall transfer the proceeds from the auction, as defined in paragraph (1)(D), to the entity that offered the international offset credits for sale. No funds transferred from a purchaser to a seller of international offset credits under this paragraph shall be held by any officer or employee of the United States or treated for any purpose as public monies.

‘(3) PRICING- When the Administrator acts under this subsection as the agent of an entity in possession of international offset credits, the Administrator is not obligated to obtain the highest price possible for the international offset credits, and instead shall auction such international offset credits in the same manner and pursuant to the same rules (except as modified in paragraph (1)) as set forth for auctioning strategic reserve

allowances. Entities requesting that such international offset credits be offered for sale at a strategic reserve auction may not set a minimum reserve price for their international offset credits that is different than the minimum strategic reserve auction price set pursuant to subsection (c).

‘(i) Initial Regulations- Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations, in consultation with other appropriate agencies, governing the auction of allowances under this section. Such regulations shall include the following requirements:

‘(1) FREQUENCY; FIRST AUCTION- Auctions shall be held four times per year at regular intervals, with the first auction to be held no later than March 31, 2012.

‘(2) AUCTION FORMAT- Auctions shall follow a single-round, sealed-bid, uniform price format.

‘(3) PARTICIPATION; FINANCIAL ASSURANCE- Auctions shall be open to any covered entity eligible to purchase emission allowances at the auction under subsection (a)(2), except that the Administrator may establish financial assurance requirements to ensure that auction participants can and will perform on their bids.

‘(4) DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP- Each bidder in an auction shall be required to disclose the person or entity sponsoring or benefitting from the bidder’s participation in the auction if such person or entity is, in whole or in part, other than the bidder.

‘(5) PURCHASE LIMITS- No person may, directly or in concert with another participant, purchase more than 20 percent of the allowances offered for sale at any quarterly auction.

‘(6) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION- After the auction,

the Administrator shall, in a timely fashion, publish the identities of winning bidders, the quantity of allowances obtained by each winning bidder, and the auction clearing price.

‘(7) OTHER REQUIREMENTS- The Administrator may include in the regulations such other requirements or provisions as the Administrator, in consultation with other agencies as appropriate, considers appropriate to promote effective, efficient, transparent, and fair administration of auctions under this section.

‘(j) Revision of Regulations- The Administrator may, at any time, in consultation with other agencies as appropriate, revise the initial regulations promulgated under subsection (i) by promulgating new regulations. Such revised regulations need not meet the requirements identified in subsection (i) if the Administrator determines that an alternative auction design would be more effective, taking into account factors including costs of administration, transparency, fairness, and risks of collusion or manipulation. In determining whether and how to revise the initial regulations under this subsection, the Administrator shall not consider maximization of revenues to the Federal Government.

‘SEC. 727. PERMITS.

‘(a) Permit Program- For stationary sources subject to title V of this Act that are covered entities, the provisions of this title shall be implemented by permits issued to such covered entities (and enforced) in accordance with the provisions of title V, as modified by this title. Any such permit issued by the Administrator, or by a State or Indian tribe with an approved permit program, shall require the owner or operator of a covered entity to hold allowances or offset credits at least equal to the total annual amount of carbon dioxide equivalents for its combined emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions to which section 722 applies. No such permit shall be issued that is inconsistent with the requirements of

this title, and title V as applicable. Nothing in this section regarding compliance plans or in title V shall be construed as affecting allowances or offset credits. Submission of a statement by the owner or operator, or the designated representative of the owners and operators, of a covered entity that the owners and operators will hold allowances or offset credits for the entity's combined emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions to which section 722 applies shall be deemed to meet the proposed and approved planning requirements of title V. Recordation by the Administrator of transfers of allowances and offset credits shall amend automatically all applicable proposed or approved permit applications, compliance plans, and permits.

‘(b) Multiple Owners- No permit shall be issued under this section and no allowances or offset credits shall be disbursed under this title to a covered entity or any other person until the designated representative of the owners or operators has filed a certificate of representation with regard to matters under this title, including the holding and distribution of emission allowances and the proceeds of transactions involving emission allowances. Where there are multiple holders of a legal or equitable title to, or a leasehold interest in, such a covered entity or other entity or where a utility or industrial customer purchases power under a long-term power purchase contract from an independent power production facility that is a covered entity, the certificate shall state--

‘(1) that emission allowances and the proceeds of transactions involving emission allowances will be deemed to be held or distributed in proportion to each holder's legal, equitable, leasehold, or contractual reservation or entitlement; or

‘(2) if such multiple holders have expressly provided for a different distribution of emission allowances by contract, that emission allowances and the proceeds of transactions involving emission allowances will be deemed to be held or distributed in accordance with the contract.

A passive lessor, or a person who has an equitable interest through such lessor, whose rental payments are not based, either directly or indirectly, upon the revenues or income from the covered entity or other entity shall not be deemed to be a holder of a legal, equitable, leasehold, or contractual interest for the purpose of holding or distributing emission allowances as provided in this subsection, during either the term of such leasehold or thereafter, unless expressly provided for in the leasehold agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, where all legal or equitable title to or interest in a covered entity, or other entity, is held by a single person, the certificate shall state that all emission allowances received by the entity are deemed to be held for that person.

‘(c) Prohibition- It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any stationary source subject to the requirements of this section except in compliance with the terms and requirements of a permit issued by the Administrator or a State or Indian tribe with an approved permit program in accordance with this section. For purposes of this subsection, compliance, as provided in section 504(f), with a permit issued under title V which complies with this title for covered entities shall be deemed compliance with this subsection as well as section 502(a).

‘(d) Reliability- Nothing in this section or title V shall be construed as requiring termination of operations of a stationary source that is a covered entity for failure to have an approved permit, or compliance plan, that is consistent with the requirements in the second and fifth sentences of subsection (a) concerning the holding of allowances or offset credits, except that any such covered entity may be subject to the applicable enforcement provision of section 113.

‘(e) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to implement this section. To provide for permits required under this section, each State in which one or more stationary sources that are covered entities are located shall submit, in accordance with this

section and title V, revised permit programs for approval.

‘SEC. 728. INTERNATIONAL EMISSION ALLOWANCES.

‘(a) Qualifying Programs- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may by rule designate an international climate change program as a qualifying international program if--

‘(1) the program is run by a national or supranational foreign government, and imposes a mandatory absolute tonnage limit on greenhouse gas emissions from 1 or more foreign countries, or from 1 or more economic sectors in such a country or countries; and

‘(2) the program is at least as stringent as the program established by this title, including provisions to ensure at least comparable monitoring, compliance, enforcement, quality of offsets, and restrictions on the use of offsets.

‘(b) Disqualified Allowances- An international emission allowance may not be held under section 722(d)(2) if it is in the nature of an offset instrument or allowance awarded based on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, that are not subject to the mandatory absolute tonnage limits referred to in subsection (a)(1).

‘(c) Retirement-

‘(1) ENTITY CERTIFICATION- The owner or operator of an entity that holds an international emission allowance under section 722(d)(2) shall certify to the Administrator that such international emission allowance has not previously been used to comply with any foreign, international, or domestic greenhouse gas regulatory program.

‘(2) RETIREMENT-

‘(A) FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY ENTITIES- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall seek, by whatever means appropriate, including agreements and technical cooperation on allowance tracking, to ensure that any relevant foreign, international, and domestic regulatory entities--

‘(i) are notified of the use, for purposes of compliance with this title, of any international emission allowance; and

‘(ii) provide for the disqualification of such international emission allowance for any subsequent use under the relevant foreign, international, or domestic greenhouse gas regulatory program, regardless of whether such use is a sale, exchange, or submission to satisfy a compliance obligation.

‘(B) DISQUALIFICATION FROM FURTHER USE- The Administrator shall ensure that, once an international emission allowance has been disqualified or otherwise used for purposes of compliance with this title, such allowance shall be disqualified from any further use under this title.

‘(d) Use Limitations- The Administrator may, by rule, apply a limit to the percentage of the combined greenhouse gas emissions and attributable greenhouse gas emissions of a covered entity with respect to which compliance may be demonstrated by holding international emission allowances under section 722(d)(2), consistent with the purposes of the Safe Climate Act.

‘PART D--OFFSETS

‘SEC. 731. OFFSETS INTEGRITY ADVISORY BOARD.

‘(a) Establishment- Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall establish an independent Offsets Integrity Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall make recommendations to the Administrator for use in promulgating and revising regulations under this part and part E, and for ensuring the overall environmental integrity of the programs established pursuant to those regulations.

‘(b) Membership- The Advisory Board shall be comprised of at least nine members. Each member shall be qualified by education, training, and experience to evaluate scientific and technical information on matters referred to the Board under this section. The Administrator shall appoint Advisory Board members, including a chair and vice-chair of the Advisory Board. Terms shall be 3 years in length, except for initial terms, which may be up to 5 years in length to allow staggering. Members may be reappointed only once for an additional 3-year term, and such second term may follow directly after a first term.

‘(c) Activities- The Advisory Board established pursuant to subsection (a) shall--

‘(1) provide recommendations, not later than 90 days after the Advisory Board’s establishment and periodically thereafter, to the Administrator regarding offset project types that should be considered for eligibility under section 733, taking into consideration relevant scientific and other issues, including--

‘(A) the availability of a representative data set for use in developing the activity baseline;

‘(B) the potential for accurate quantification of greenhouse gas reduction, avoidance, or sequestration for an offset

project type;

‘(C) the potential level of scientific and measurement uncertainty associated with an offset project type; and

‘(D) any beneficial or adverse environmental, public health, welfare, social, economic, or energy effects associated with an offset project type;

‘(2) make available to the Administrator its advice and comments on offset methodologies that should be considered under regulations promulgated with respect to section 734, including methodologies to address the issues of additionality, activity baselines, quantification methods, leakage, uncertainty, permanence, and environmental integrity;

‘(3) make available to the Administrator, and other relevant Federal agencies, its advice and comments regarding scientific, technical, and methodological issues specific to the issuance of international offset credits under section 743;

‘(4) make available to the Administrator, and other relevant Federal agencies, its advice and comments regarding scientific, technical, and methodological issues associated with the implementation of part E;

‘(5) make available to the Administrator its advice and comments on areas in which further knowledge is required to appraise the adequacy of existing, revised, or proposed methodologies for use under this part and part E, and describe the research efforts necessary to provide the required information; and

‘(6) make available to the Administrator its advice and comments on other ways to improve or safeguard the environmental integrity of programs established under this part and part E.

‘(d) Scientific Review of Offset and Deforestation Reduction Programs- Not later than January 1, 2017, and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the Advisory Board shall submit to the Administrator and make available to the public an analysis of relevant scientific and technical information related to this part and part E. The Advisory Board shall review approved and potential methodologies, scientific studies, offset project monitoring, offset project verification reports, and audits related to this part and part E, and evaluate the net emissions effects of implemented offset projects. The Advisory Board shall recommend changes to offset methodologies, protocols, or project types, or to the overall offset program under this part, to ensure that offset credits issued by the Administrator do not compromise the integrity of the annual emission reductions established under section 703, and to avoid or minimize adverse effects to human health or the environment.

‘SEC. 732. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFSETS PROGRAM.

‘(a) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, shall promulgate regulations establishing a program for the issuance of offset credits in accordance with the requirements of this part. The Administrator shall periodically revise these regulations as necessary to meet the requirements of this part.

‘(b) Requirements- The regulations described in subsection (a) shall--

‘(1) authorize the issuance of offset credits with respect to qualifying offset projects that result in reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sequestration of greenhouse gases;

‘(2) ensure that such offset credits represent verifiable and additional greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or increases in sequestration;

‘(3) ensure that offset credits issued for sequestration offset projects are only issued for greenhouse gas reductions that are permanent;

‘(4) provide for the implementation of the requirements of this part; and

‘(5) include as reductions in greenhouse gases reductions achieved through the destruction of methane and its conversion to carbon dioxide, and reductions achieved through destruction of chlorofluorocarbons or other ozone depleting substances, if permitted by the Administrator under section 619(b)(9) and subject to the conditions specified in section 619(b)(9), based on the carbon dioxide equivalent value of the substance destroyed.

‘(c) Coordination to Minimize Negative Effects- In promulgating and implementing regulations under this part, the Administrator shall act (including by rejecting projects, if necessary) to avoid or minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, adverse effects on human health or the environment resulting from the implementation of offset projects under this part.

‘(d) Offset Registry- The Administrator shall establish within the allowance tracking system established under section 724(d) an Offset Registry for qualifying offset projects and offset credits issued with respect thereto under this part.

‘(e) Legal Status of Offset Credit- An offset credit does not constitute a property right.

‘(f) Fees- The Administrator shall assess fees payable by offset project developers in an amount necessary to cover the

administrative costs to the Environmental Protection Agency of carrying out the activities under this part. Amounts collected for such fees shall be available to the Administrator for carrying out the activities under this part to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts.

‘SEC. 733. ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES.

‘(a) List of Eligible Project Types-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732(a), the Administrator shall establish, and may periodically revise, a list of types of projects eligible to generate offset credits, including international offset credits, under this part.

‘(2) ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS- In determining the eligibility of project types, the Administrator shall take into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board. If a list established under this section differs from the recommendations of the Advisory Board, the regulations promulgated under section 732(a) shall include a justification for the discrepancy.

‘(3) INITIAL DETERMINATION- The Administrator shall establish the initial eligibility list under paragraph (1) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title. The Administrator shall add additional project types to the list not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title. In determining the initial list, the Administrator shall give priority to consideration of offset project types that are recommended by the Advisory Board and for which there are well developed methodologies that the Administrator determines would meet the criteria of section 734, with such modifications as the Administrator deems appropriate. In establishing methodologies pursuant to section 734, the Administrator shall give priority to

methodologies for offset project types included on the initial eligibility list.

‘(b) Modification of List- The Administrator--

‘(1) may at any time, by rule, add a project type to the list established under subsection (a) if the Administrator, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, determines that the project type can generate additional reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, subject to the requirements of this part;

‘(2) may at any time, by rule, determine that a project type on the list does not meet the requirements of this part, and remove the project type from the list established under subsection (a), in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies and taking into consideration any recommendations of the Advisory Board; and

‘(3) shall consider adding to or removing from the list established under subsection (a), at a minimum, project types proposed to the Administrator--

‘(A) by petition pursuant to subsection (c); or

‘(B) by the Advisory Board.

‘(c) Petition Process- Any person may petition the Administrator to modify the list established under subsection (a) by adding or removing a project type pursuant to subsection (b). Any such petition shall include a showing by the petitioner that there is adequate data to establish that the project type does or does not meet the requirements of this part. Not later than 12 months after receipt of such a petition, the Administrator shall either grant or deny the petition and publish a written explanation of the reasons for the Administrator’s decision. The Administrator may not deny a

petition under this subsection on the basis of inadequate Environmental Protection Agency resources or time for review.

‘SEC. 734. REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFSET PROJECTS.

‘(a) Methodologies- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732(a), the Administrator shall establish, for each type of offset project listed as eligible under section 733, the following:

‘(1) ADDITIONALITY- A standardized methodology for determining the additionality of greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, achieved by an offset project of that type. Such methodology shall ensure, at a minimum, that any greenhouse gas emission reduction or avoidance, or any greenhouse gas sequestration, is considered additional only to the extent that it results from activities that--

‘(A) are not required by or undertaken to comply with any law, including any regulation or consent order;

‘(B) were not commenced prior to January 1, 2009, except in the case of--

‘(i) offset project activities that commenced after January 1, 2001, and were registered as of the date of enactment of this title under an offset program with respect to which the Administrator has made an affirmative determination under section 740(a)(2); or

‘(ii) activities that are readily reversible, with respect to which the Administrator may set an alternative earlier date under this subparagraph that is not earlier than January 1, 2001, where the Administrator determines that setting such an alternative date may

produce an environmental benefit by removing an incentive to cease and then reinitiate activities that began prior to January 1, 2009; and

‘(C) exceed the activity baseline established under paragraph (2).

‘(2) ACTIVITY BASELINES- A standardized methodology for establishing activity baselines for offset projects of that type. The Administrator shall set activity baselines to reflect a conservative estimate of business-as-usual performance or practices for the relevant type of activity such that the baseline provides an adequate margin of safety to ensure the environmental integrity of offsets calculated in reference to such baseline.

‘(3) QUANTIFICATION METHODS- A standardized methodology for determining the extent to which greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, achieved by an offset project of that type exceed a relevant activity baseline, including protocols for monitoring and accounting for uncertainty.

‘(4) LEAKAGE- A standardized methodology for accounting for and mitigating potential leakage, if any, from an offset project of that type, taking uncertainty into account.

‘(b) Accounting for Reversals-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- For each type of sequestration project listed under section 733, the Administrator shall establish requirements to account for and address reversals, including--

‘(A) a requirement to report any reversal with respect to an offset project for which offset credits have been issued under this part;

‘(B) provisions to require emission allowances to be held in amounts to fully compensate for greenhouse gas emissions attributable to reversals, and to assign responsibility for holding such emission allowances; and

‘(C) any other provisions the Administrator determines necessary to account for and address reversals.

‘(2) MECHANISMS- The Administrator shall prescribe mechanisms to ensure that any sequestration with respect to which an offset credit is issued under this part results in a permanent net increase in sequestration, and that full account is taken of any actual or potential reversal of such sequestration, with an adequate margin of safety. The Administrator shall prescribe at least one of the following mechanisms to meet the requirements of this paragraph:

‘(A) An offsets reserve, pursuant to paragraph (3).

‘(B) Insurance that provides for purchase and provision to the Administrator for retirement of an amount of offset credits or emission allowances equal in number to the tons of carbon dioxide equivalents of greenhouse gas emissions released due to reversal.

‘(C) Another mechanism that the Administrator determines satisfies the requirements of this part.

‘(3) OFFSETS RESERVE-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- An offsets reserve referred to in paragraph (2)(A) is a program under which, before issuance of offset credits under this part, the Administrator shall subtract and reserve from the quantity to be issued a quantity of offset credits based on the risk of reversal. The Administrator shall--

‘(i) hold these reserved offset credits in the offsets reserve; and

‘(ii) register the holding of the reserved offset credits in the Offset Registry established under section 732(d).

‘(B) PROJECT REVERSAL-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- If a reversal has occurred with respect to an offset project for which offset credits are reserved under this paragraph, the Administrator shall retire offset credits or emission allowances from the offsets reserve to fully account for the tons of carbon dioxide equivalent that are no longer sequestered.

‘(ii) INTENTIONAL REVERSALS- If the Administrator determines that a reversal was intentional, the offset project developer for the relevant offset project shall place into the offsets reserve a quantity of offset credits, or combination of offset credits and emission allowances, equal in number to the number of reserve offset credits that were canceled due to the reversal pursuant to clause (i).

‘(iii) UNINTENTIONAL REVERSALS- If the Administrator determines that a reversal was unintentional, the offset project developer for the relevant offset project shall place into the offsets reserve a quantity of offset credits, or combination of offset credits and emission allowances, equal in number to half the number of offset credits that were reserved for that offset project, or half the number of reserve offset credits that were canceled due to the reversal pursuant to clause (i), whichever is less.

‘(C) USE OF RESERVED OFFSET CREDITS- Offset credits placed into the offsets reserve under this paragraph

may not be used to comply with section 722.

‘(c) Crediting Periods-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- For each offset project type, the Administrator shall specify a crediting period, and establish provisions for petitions for new crediting periods, in accordance with this subsection.

‘(2) DURATION- The crediting period shall be no less than 5 and no greater than 10 years for any project type other than those involving sequestration.

‘(3) ELIGIBILITY- An offset project shall be eligible to generate offset credits under this part only during the project’s crediting period. During such crediting period, the project shall remain eligible to generate offset credits, subject to the methodologies and project type eligibility list that applied as of the date of project approval under section 735, except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

‘(4) PETITION FOR NEW CREDITING PERIOD- An offset project developer may petition for a new crediting period to commence after termination of a crediting period, subject to the methodologies and project type eligibility list in effect at the time when such petition is submitted. A petition may not be submitted under this paragraph more than 18 months before the end of the pending crediting period. The Administrator may limit the number of new crediting periods available for projects of particular project types.

‘(d) Environmental Integrity- In establishing the requirements under this section, the Administrator shall apply conservative assumptions or methods to maximize the certainty that the environmental integrity of the cap established under section 703 is not compromised.

‘(e) Pre-existing Methodologies- In promulgating requirements under this section, the Administrator shall give due consideration to methodologies for offset projects existing as of the date of enactment of this title.

‘(f) Added Project Types- The Administrator shall establish methodologies described in subsection (a), and, as applicable, requirements and mechanisms for reversals as described in subsection (b), for any project type that is added to the list pursuant to section 733.

‘SEC. 735. APPROVAL OF OFFSET PROJECTS.

‘(a) Approval Petition- An offset project developer shall submit an offset project approval petition providing such information as the Administrator requires to determine whether the offset project is eligible for issuance of offset credits under rules promulgated pursuant to this part.

‘(b) Timing- An approval petition shall be submitted to the Administrator under subsection (a) no later than the time at which an offset project’s first verification report is submitted under section 736.

‘(c) Approval Petition Requirements- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732, the Administrator shall include provisions for, and shall specify, the required components of an offset project approval petition required under subsection (a), which shall include--

‘(1) designation of an offset project developer; and

‘(2) any other information that the Administrator considers to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this part.

‘(d) Approval and Notification- Not later than 90 days after receiving a complete approval petition under subsection (a), the

Administrator shall make the approval petition publicly available, approve or deny the petition in writing and if the petition is denied, provide the reasons for denial, and make the Administrator's written decision publicly available. After an offset project is approved, the offset project developer shall not be required to resubmit an approval petition during the offset project's crediting period, except as provided in section 734(c)(4).

‘(e) Appeal- The Administrator shall establish procedures for appeal and review of determinations made under subsection (d).

‘(f) Voluntary Preapproval Review- The Administrator may establish a voluntary preapproval review procedure, to allow an offset project developer to request the Administrator to conduct a preliminary eligibility review for an offset project. Findings of such reviews shall not be binding upon the Administrator. The voluntary preapproval review procedure--

‘(1) shall require the offset project developer to submit such basic project information as the Administrator requires to provide a meaningful review; and

‘(2) shall require a response from the Administrator not later than 6 weeks after receiving a request for review under this subsection.

‘SEC. 736. VERIFICATION OF OFFSET PROJECTS.

‘(a) In General- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732(a), the Administrator shall establish requirements, including protocols, for verification of the quantity of greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, resulting from an offset project. The regulations shall require that an offset project developer shall submit a report, prepared by a third-party verifier accredited under subsection (d), providing such information as the Administrator requires to

determine the quantity of greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, resulting from the offset project.

‘(b) Schedule- The Administrator shall prescribe a schedule for the submission of verification reports under subsection (a).

‘(c) Verification Report Requirements- The Administrator shall specify the required components of a verification report required under subsection (a), which shall include--

‘(1) the name and contact information for a designated representative for the offset project developer;

‘(2) the quantity of greenhouse gases reduced, avoided, or sequestered;

‘(3) the methodologies applicable to the project pursuant to section 734;

‘(4) a certification that the project meets the applicable requirements;

‘(5) a certification establishing that the conflict of interest requirements in the regulations promulgated under subsection (d)(1) have been complied with; and

‘(6) any other information that the Administrator considers to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this part.

‘(d) Verifier Accreditation-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732(a), the Administrator shall establish a process and requirements for periodic accreditation of third-party verifiers to ensure that such verifiers are professionally qualified and have no conflicts of interest.

‘(2) STANDARDS-

‘(A) AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS

INSTITUTE ACCREDITATION- The Administrator may accredit, or accept for purposes of accreditation under this subsection, verifiers accredited under the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation program in accordance with ISO 14065. The Administrator shall accredit, or accept for accreditation, verifiers under this subparagraph only if the Administrator finds that the American National Standards Institute accreditation program provides sufficient assurance that the requirements of this part will be met.

‘(B) EPA ACCREDITATION- As part of the regulations promulgated under section 732(a), the Administrator may establish accreditation standards for verifiers under this subsection, and may establish related training and testing programs and requirements.

‘(3) PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY- Each verifier meeting the requirements for accreditation in accordance with this subsection shall be listed in a publicly accessible database, which shall be maintained and updated by the Administrator.

‘SEC. 737. ISSUANCE OF OFFSET CREDITS.

‘(a) Determination and Notification- Not later than 90 days after receiving a complete verification report under section 736, the Administrator shall--

‘(1) make the report publicly available;

‘(2) make a determination of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions that have been reduced or avoided, or greenhouse gases that have been sequestered, by the offset project; and

‘(3) notify the offset project developer in writing of such determination and make such determination publicly available.

‘(b) Issuance Of Offset Credits- The Administrator shall issue one offset credit to an offset project developer for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent that the Administrator has determined has been reduced, avoided, or sequestered during the period covered by a verification report submitted in accordance with section 736, only if--

‘(1) the Administrator has approved the offset project pursuant to section 735; and

‘(2) the relevant emissions reduction, avoidance, or sequestration has--

‘(A) already occurred, during the offset project’s crediting period; and

‘(B) occurred after January 1, 2009.

‘(c) Appeal- The Administrator shall establish procedures for appeal and review of determinations made under subsection (a).

‘(d) Timing- Offset credits meeting the criteria established in subsection (b) shall be issued not later than 2 weeks following the verification determination made by the Administrator under subsection (a).

‘(e) Registration- The Administrator shall assign a unique serial number to and register each offset credit to be issued in the Offset Registry established under section 732(d).

‘SEC. 738. AUDITS.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator shall, on an ongoing basis, conduct random audits of offset projects, offset credits, and

practices of third-party verifiers. In each year, the Administrator shall conduct audits, at minimum, for a representative sample of project types and geographic areas.

‘(b) Delegation- The Administrator may delegate to a State or tribal government the responsibility for conducting audits under this section if the Administrator finds that the program proposed by the State or tribal government provides assurances equivalent to those provided by the auditing program of the Administrator, and that the integrity of the offset program under this part will be maintained. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the Administrator from conducting any audit the Administrator considers necessary and appropriate.

‘SEC. 739. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REVISION.

‘At least once every 5 years, the Administrator shall review and, based on new or updated information and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, update and revise--

‘(1) the list of eligible project types established under section 733;

‘(2) the methodologies established, including specific activity baselines, under section 734(a);

‘(3) the reversal requirements and mechanisms established or prescribed under section 734(b);

‘(4) measures to improve the accountability of the offsets program; and

‘(5) any other requirements established under this part to ensure the environmental integrity and effective operation of this part.

‘SEC. 740. EARLY OFFSET SUPPLY.

‘(a) Projects Registered Under Other Government-recognized Programs- Except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), the Administrator shall issue one offset credit for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions reduced, avoided, or sequestered--

‘(1) under an offset project that was started after January 1, 2001;

‘(2) for which a credit was issued under any regulatory or voluntary greenhouse gas emission offset program that the Administrator determines--

‘(A) was established under State or tribal law or regulation prior to January 1, 2009, or has been approved by the Administrator pursuant to subsection (e);

‘(B) has developed offset project type standards, methodologies, and protocols through a public consultation process or a peer review process;

‘(C) has made available to the public standards, methodologies, and protocols that require that credited emission reductions, avoidance, or sequestration are permanent, additional, verifiable, and enforceable;

‘(D) requires that all emission reductions, avoidance, or sequestration be verified by a State or tribal regulatory agency or an accredited third-party independent verification body;

‘(E) requires that all credits issued are registered in a publicly accessible registry, with individual serial numbers assigned for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emission reductions, avoidance, or sequestration; and

‘(F) ensures that no credits are issued for an activity if the entity administering the program, or a program

administrator or representative, has funded, solicited, or served as a fund administrator for the development of the activity; and

‘(3) for which the credit described in paragraph (2) is transferred to the Administrator.

‘(b) Ineligible Credits- Subsection (a) shall not apply to offset credits that have expired or have been retired, canceled, or used for compliance under a program established under State or tribal law or regulation.

‘(c) Limitation- Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), offset credits shall be issued under this section--

‘(1) only for reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, sequestration of greenhouse gases, or destruction of chlorofluorocarbons (subject to the conditions specified in section 619(b)(9) and based on the carbon dioxide equivalent value of the substance destroyed), that occur after January 1, 2009; and

‘(2) only until the date that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, or the date that regulations promulgated under section 732(a) take effect, whichever occurs sooner.

‘(d) Retirement of Credits- The Administrator shall seek to ensure that offset credits described in subsection (a)(2) are retired for purposes of use under a program described in subsection (b).

‘(e) Other Programs- (1) Offset programs that either--

‘(A) were not established under State or tribal law or regulation; or

‘(B) were not established prior to January 1, 2009,

but that otherwise meet all of the criteria of subsection (a)(2) may apply to the Administrator to be approved under this subsection as an eligible program for early offset credits under this section.

‘(2) The Administrator shall approve any such program that the Administrator determines has criteria and methodologies of at least equal stringency to the criteria and methodologies of the programs established under State or tribal law or regulation that the Administrator determines meet the criteria of subsection (a)(2). The Administrator may approve types of offsets under any such program that are subject to criteria and methodologies of at least equal stringency to the criteria and methodologies for such types of offsets applied under the programs established under State or tribal law or regulation that the Administrator determines meet the criteria of subsection (a)(2). The Administrator shall make a determination on any application received under this section by no later than 180 days from the date of receipt of the application.

‘SEC. 741. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

‘If the Administrator lists forestry or other relevant land management-related offset projects as eligible offset project types under section 733, the Administrator, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, shall promulgate regulations for the selection and use of species in such offset projects--

‘(1) to ensure that native species are given primary consideration in such projects;

‘(2) to enhance biological diversity in such projects;

‘(3) to prohibit the use of federally designated or State-designated noxious weeds;

‘(4) to prohibit the use of a species listed by a regional or State invasive plant authority within the applicable region or State;

and

‘(5) in the case of forestry offset projects, in accordance with widely accepted, environmentally sustainable forestry practices.

‘SEC. 742. TRADING.

‘Section 724 shall apply to the trading of offset credits.

‘SEC. 743. INTERNATIONAL OFFSET CREDITS.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, may issue, in accordance with this section, international offset credits based on activities that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or increase sequestration of greenhouse gases, in a developing country. Such credits may be issued for projects eligible under section 733 or as provided in subsection (c), (d), or (e) of this section.

‘(b) Issuance-

‘(1) REGULATIONS- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and any other appropriate Federal agency, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, shall promulgate regulations for implementing this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the issuance of international offset credits under this section shall be subject to the requirements of this part.

‘(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFSET CREDITS- The Administrator may issue international offset credits only if--

‘(A) the United States is a party to a bilateral or multilateral agreement or arrangement that includes the country in which the project or measure achieving the relevant greenhouse gas emission reduction or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, has occurred;

‘(B) such country is a developing country; and

‘(C) such agreement or arrangement--

‘(i) ensures that the requirements of this part apply to the issuance of international offset credits under this section; and

‘(ii) provides for the appropriate distribution of international offset credits issued.

‘(c) Sector-based Credits-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- In order to minimize the potential for leakage and to encourage countries to take nationally appropriate mitigation actions to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester greenhouse gases, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall--

‘(A) identify sectors of specific countries with respect to which the issuance of international offset credits on a sectoral basis is appropriate; and

‘(B) issue international offset credits for such sectors only on a sectoral basis.

‘(2) IDENTIFICATION OF SECTORS-

‘(A) GENERAL RULE- For purposes of paragraph (1)(A),

a sectoral basis shall be appropriate for activities--

‘(i) in countries that have comparatively high greenhouse gas emissions, or comparatively greater levels of economic development; and

‘(ii) that, if located in the United States, would be within a sector subject to the compliance obligation under section 722.

‘(B) FACTORS- In determining the sectors and countries for which international offset credits should be awarded only on a sectoral basis, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall consider the following factors:

‘(i) The country’s gross domestic product.

‘(ii) The country’s total greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(iii) Whether the comparable sector of the United States economy is covered by the compliance obligation under section 722.

‘(iv) The heterogeneity or homogeneity of sources within the relevant sector.

‘(v) Whether the relevant sector provides products or services that are sold in internationally competitive markets.

‘(vi) The risk of leakage if international offset credits were issued on a project-level basis, instead of on a sectoral basis, for activities within the relevant sector.

‘(vii) The capability of accurately measuring,

monitoring, reporting, and verifying the performance of sources across the relevant sector.

‘(viii) Such other factors as the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, determines are appropriate to--

‘(I) ensure the integrity of the United States greenhouse gas emissions cap established under section 703; and

‘(II) encourage countries to take nationally appropriate mitigation actions to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester greenhouse gases.

‘(3) SECTORAL BASIS-

‘(A) DEFINITION- In this subsection, the term ‘sectoral basis’ means the issuance of international offset credits only for the quantity of sector-wide reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sector-wide increases in sequestration of greenhouse gases, achieved across the relevant sector of the economy relative to a domestically enforceable baseline level of absolute emissions established in an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A) for the sector.

‘(B) BASELINE- The baseline for a sector shall be established on an absolute basis and at levels of greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the thresholds identified in section 705(e)(2) and lower than would occur under a business-as-usual scenario taking into account relevant domestic or international policies or incentives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, among other factors, and

additionality and performance shall be determined on the basis of such baseline.

‘(d) Credits Issued by an International Body-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may issue international offset credits in exchange for instruments in the nature of offset credits that are issued by an international body established pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to a protocol to such Convention, or to a treaty that succeeds such Convention. The Administrator may issue international offset credits under this subsection only if, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b), the Administrator has determined that the international body that issued the instruments has implemented substantive and procedural requirements for the relevant project type that provide equal or greater assurance of the integrity of such instruments as is provided by the requirements of this part. Starting January 1, 2016, the Administrator shall issue no offset credit pursuant to this subsection if the activity generating the greenhouse gas emissions reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, occurs in a country and sector identified by the Administrator under subsection (c).

‘(2) RETIREMENT- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall seek, by whatever means appropriate, including agreements, arrangements, or technical cooperation with the international issuing body described in paragraph (1), to ensure that such body--

‘(A) is notified of the Administrator’s issuance, under this subsection, of an international offset credit in exchange for an instrument issued by such international body; and

‘(B) provides, to the extent feasible, for the disqualification of the instrument issued by such international body for

subsequent use under any relevant foreign or international greenhouse gas regulatory program, regardless of whether such use is a sale, exchange, or submission to satisfy a compliance obligation.

‘(e) Offsets From Reduced Deforestation-

‘(1) REQUIREMENTS- The Administrator, in accordance with the regulations promulgated under subsection (b)(1) and an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A), shall issue international offset credits for greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved through activities to reduce deforestation only if, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b)--

‘(A) the activity occurs in--

‘(i) a country listed by the Administrator pursuant to paragraph (2);

‘(ii) a state or province listed by the Administrator pursuant to paragraph (5); or

‘(iii) a country listed by the Administrator pursuant to paragraph (6);

‘(B) except as provided in paragraph (5) or (6), the quantity of the international offset credits is determined by comparing the national emissions from deforestation relative to a national deforestation baseline for that country established, in accordance with an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A), pursuant to paragraph (4);

‘(C) the reduction in emissions from deforestation has occurred before the issuance of the international offset credit and, taking into consideration relevant international

standards, has been demonstrated using ground-based inventories, remote sensing technology, and other methodologies to ensure that all relevant carbon stocks are accounted;

‘(D) the Administrator has made appropriate adjustments, such as discounting for any additional uncertainty, to account for circumstances specific to the country, including its technical capacity described in paragraph (2)(A);

‘(E) the activity is designed, carried out, and managed--

‘(i) in accordance with widely accepted, environmentally sustainable forest management practices;

‘(ii) to promote or restore native forest species and ecosystems where practicable, and to avoid the introduction of invasive nonnative species;

‘(iii) in a manner that gives due regard to the rights and interests of local communities, indigenous peoples, forest-dependent communities, and vulnerable social groups;

‘(iv) with consultations with, and full participation of, local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities, in affected areas, as partners and primary stakeholders, prior to and during the design, planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of activities; and

‘(v) with equitable sharing of profits and benefits derived from offset credits with local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities; and

‘(F) the reduction otherwise satisfies and is consistent with any relevant requirements established by an agreement reached under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

‘(2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and in accordance with an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A), shall establish, and periodically review and update, a list of the developing countries that have the capacity to participate in deforestation reduction activities at a national level, including--

‘(A) the technical capacity to monitor, measure, report, and verify forest carbon fluxes for all significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation with an acceptable level of uncertainty, as determined taking into account relevant internationally accepted methodologies, such as those established by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

‘(B) the institutional capacity to reduce emissions from deforestation, including strong forest governance and mechanisms to equitably distribute deforestation resources for local actions; and

‘(C) a land use or forest sector strategic plan that--

‘(i) assesses national and local drivers of deforestation and forest degradation and identifies reforms to national policies needed to address them;

‘(ii) estimates the country’s emissions from deforestation and forest degradation;

‘(iii) identifies improvements in data collection,

monitoring, and institutional capacity necessary to implement a national deforestation reduction program; and

‘(iv) establishes a timeline for implementing the program and transitioning to low-emissions development with respect to emissions from forest and land use activities.

‘(3) PROTECTION OF INTERESTS- With respect to an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A) that addresses international offset credits under this subsection, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall seek to ensure the establishment and enforcement by such country of legal regimes, processes, standards, and safeguards that--

‘(A) give due regard to the rights and interests of local communities, indigenous peoples, forest-dependent communities, and vulnerable social groups;

‘(B) promote consultations with, and full participation of, forest-dependent communities and indigenous peoples in affected areas, as partners and primary stakeholders, prior to and during the design, planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of activities; and

‘(C) encourage equitable sharing of profits and benefits derived from international offset credits with local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities.

‘(4) NATIONAL DEFORESTATION BASELINE- A national deforestation baseline established under this subsection shall--

‘(A) be national in scope;

‘(B) be consistent with nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions with respect to deforestation, taking into consideration the average annual historical deforestation rates of the country during a period of at least 5 years, the applicable drivers of deforestation, and other factors to ensure additionality;

‘(C) establish a trajectory that would result in zero net deforestation by not later than 20 years after the national deforestation baseline has been established;

‘(D) be adjusted over time to take account of changing national circumstances;

‘(E) be designed to account for all significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in the country; and

‘(F) be consistent with the national deforestation baseline, if any, established for such country under section 754(d)(1) and (2).

‘(5) STATE-LEVEL OR PROVINCE-LEVEL ACTIVITIES-

‘(A) ELIGIBLE STATES OR PROVINCES- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall establish within 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, and periodically review and update, a list of states or provinces in developing countries where--

‘(i) the developing country is not included on the list of countries established pursuant to paragraph (6)(A);

‘(ii) the state or province by itself is a major emitter of greenhouse gases from tropical deforestation on a scale

commensurate to the emissions of other countries; and

‘(iii) the state or province meets the eligibility criteria in paragraphs (2) and (3) for the geographic area under its jurisdiction.

‘(B) ACTIVITIES- The Administrator may issue international offset credits for greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved through activities to reduce deforestation at a state or provincial level that meet the requirements of this section. Such credits shall be determined by comparing the emissions from deforestation within that state or province relative to the state or province deforestation baseline for that state or province established, in accordance with an agreement or arrangement described in subsection (b)(2)(A), pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

‘(C) STATE OR PROVINCE DEFORESTATION BASELINE- A state or province deforestation baseline shall--

‘(i) be consistent with any existing nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions for the country in which the activity is occurring, taking into consideration the average annual historical deforestation rates of the state or province during a period of at least 5 years, relevant drivers of deforestation, and other factors to ensure additionality;

‘(ii) establish a trajectory that would result in zero net deforestation by not later than 20 years after the state or province deforestation baseline has been established; and

‘(iii) be designed to account for all significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in the

state or province and adjusted to fully account for emissions leakage outside the state or province.

‘(D) PHASE OUT- Beginning 5 years after the first calendar year for which a covered entity must demonstrate compliance with section 722(a), the Administrator shall issue no further international offset credits for eligible state-level or province-level activities to reduce deforestation pursuant to this paragraph.

‘(6) PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS TO REDUCE
DEFORESTATION-

‘(A) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall establish within 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, and periodically review and update, a list of developing countries each of which--

‘(i) the Administrator determines, based on recent, credible, and reliable emissions data, accounts for less than 1 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions and less than 3 percent of global forest-sector and land use change greenhouse gas emissions; and

‘(ii) has, or in the determination of the Administrator is making a good faith effort to develop, a land use or forest sector strategic plan that meets the criteria described in paragraph (2)(C).

‘(B) ACTIVITIES- The Administrator may issue international offset credits for greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved through project or program level activities to reduce deforestation in countries listed under subparagraph (A) that meet the requirements of this section. The quantity of international offset credits shall be

determined by comparing the project-level or program-level emissions from deforestation to a deforestation baseline for such project or program established pursuant to subparagraph (C).

‘(C) PROJECT-LEVEL OR PROGRAM-LEVEL BASELINE- A project-level or program-level deforestation baseline shall--

‘(i) be consistent with any existing nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions for the country in which the project or program is occurring, taking into consideration the average annual historical deforestation rates relevant to the specific project or program during a period of at least 5 years, applicable drivers of deforestation, and other factors to ensure additionality;

‘(ii) be designed to account for all significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in the project or program boundary; and

‘(iii) be adjusted to fully account for emissions leakage outside the project or program boundary.

‘(D) PHASE OUT- (i) Beginning 5 years after the first calendar year for which a covered entity must demonstrate compliance with section 722(a), the Administrator shall issue no further international offset credits for project-level or program-level activities pursuant to this paragraph, except as provided in clause (ii).

‘(ii) The Administrator may extend the phase out deadline for the issuance of international offset credits under this paragraph by up to 8 years with respect to eligible activities taking place in a least developed country, which for purposes of this paragraph is defined as a foreign country

that the United Nations has identified as among the least developed of developing countries at the time that the Administrator determines to provide an extension, if the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, determines the country--

‘(I) lacks sufficient capacity to adopt and implement effective programs to achieve reductions in deforestation measured against national baselines;

‘(II) is receiving support under part E to develop such capacity; and

‘(III) has developed and is working to implement a credible national strategy or plan to reduce deforestation.

‘(7) DEFORESTATION- In implementing this subsection, the Administrator, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, may include forest degradation, or soil carbon losses associated with forested wetlands or peatlands, within the meaning of deforestation.

‘(8) CONSULTATION- In implementing this subsection, the Administrator shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture on relevant matters within such Secretary’s area of expertise.

‘(f) Modification of Requirements- In promulgating regulations under subsection (b)(1) with respect to the issuance of international offset credits under subsection (c), (d), or (e), the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, may modify or omit a requirement of this part (excluding the requirements of this section) if the Administrator determines that the application of that requirement to such subsection is not feasible. In modifying or omitting such a requirement on the basis of

infeasibility, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall ensure, with an adequate margin of safety, the integrity of international offset credits issued under this section and of the greenhouse gas emissions cap established pursuant to section 703.

‘(g) Avoiding Double Counting- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall seek, by whatever means appropriate, including agreements, arrangements, or technical cooperation, to ensure that activities on the basis of which international offset credits are issued under this section are not used for compliance with an obligation to reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or increase greenhouse gas sequestration, under a foreign or international regulatory system. In addition, no international offset credits shall be issued for emission reductions from activities with respect to which emission allowances were allocated under section 781 for distribution under part E.

‘(h) Limitation- The Administrator shall not issue international offset credits generated by projects based on the destruction of hydrofluorocarbons.

‘PART E--SUPPLEMENTAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS FROM REDUCED DEFORESTATION

‘SEC. 751. DEFINITIONS.

‘In this part:

‘(1) LEAKAGE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES- The term ‘leakage prevention activities’ means activities in developing countries that are directed at preserving existing forest carbon stocks, including forested wetlands and peatlands, that might,

absent such activities, be lost through leakage.

‘(2) NATIONAL DEFORESTATION REDUCTION

ACTIVITIES- The term ‘national deforestation reduction activities’ means activities in developing countries that reduce a quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation that is calculated by measuring actual emissions against a national deforestation baseline established pursuant to section 754(d)(1) and (2).

‘(3) SUBNATIONAL DEFORESTATION REDUCTION

ACTIVITIES- The term ‘subnational deforestation reduction activities’ means activities in developing countries that reduce a quantity of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation that are calculated by measuring actual emissions using an appropriate baseline established by the Administrator that is less than national in scope.

‘(4) SUPPLEMENTAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS- The term ‘supplemental emissions reductions’ means greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved from reduced or avoided deforestation under this part.

‘(5) USAID- The term ‘USAID’ means the United States Agency for International Development.

‘SEC. 752. FINDINGS.

‘Congress finds that--

‘(1) as part of a global effort to mitigate climate change, it is in the national interest of the United States to assist developing countries to reduce and ultimately halt emissions from deforestation;

‘(2) deforestation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in developing countries, amounting to roughly 20

percent of overall emissions globally;

‘(3) recent scientific analysis shows that it will be substantially more difficult to limit the increase in global temperatures to less than 2 degrees centigrade above preindustrial levels without reducing and ultimately halting net emissions from deforestation;

‘(4) reducing emissions from deforestation is highly cost-effective, compared to many other sources of emissions reductions;

‘(5) in addition to contributing significantly to worldwide efforts to address global warming, assistance under this part will generate significant environmental and social cobenefits, including protection of biodiversity, ecosystem services, and forest-related livelihoods; and

‘(6) under the Bali Action Plan, developed country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the United States, committed to ‘enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation,’ including, inter alia, consideration of ‘improved access to adequate, predictable, and sustainable financial resources and financial and technical support, and the provision of new and additional resources, including official and concessional funding for developing country parties’ .

‘SEC. 753. SUPPLEMENTAL EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS THROUGH REDUCED DEFORESTATION.

‘(a) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID and any other appropriate agencies, shall

promulgate regulations establishing a program to use emission allowances set aside for this purpose under section 781 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in developing countries in accordance with the requirements of this part.

‘(b) Objectives- The objectives of the program established under this section shall be to--

‘(1) achieve supplemental emissions reductions of at least 720,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2020, a cumulative amount of at least 6,000,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent by December 31, 2025, and additional supplemental emissions reductions in subsequent years;

‘(2) build capacity to reduce deforestation in developing countries experiencing deforestation, including preparing developing countries to participate in international markets for international offset credits for reduced emissions from deforestation; and

‘(3) preserve existing forest carbon stocks in countries where such forest carbon may be vulnerable to international leakage, particularly in developing countries with largely intact native forests.

‘SEC. 754. REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEFORESTATION REDUCTION PROGRAM.

‘(a) Eligible Countries- The Administrator may support activities under this part only with respect to a developing country that--

‘(1) the Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, determines is experiencing deforestation or forest degradation or has standing forest carbon stocks that may be at risk of deforestation or degradation; and

‘(2) has entered into a bilateral or multilateral agreement or arrangement with the United States establishing the conditions of its participation in the program established under this part, which shall include an agreement to meet the standards established under subsection (d) for the activities to which those standards apply.

‘(b) Activities-

‘(1) **AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES-** Subject to the requirements of this part, the Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, may support activities to achieve the objectives identified in section 753(b), including--

‘(A) national deforestation reduction activities;

‘(B) subnational deforestation reduction activities, including pilot activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions but are subject to significant uncertainty;

‘(C) activities to measure, monitor, and verify deforestation, avoided deforestation, and deforestation rates;

‘(D) leakage prevention activities;

‘(E) development of measurement, monitoring, and verification capacities to enable a country to quantify supplemental emissions reductions and to generate for sale offset credits from reduced or avoided deforestation;

‘(F) development of governance structures to reduce deforestation and illegal logging;

‘(G) enforcement of requirements for reduced deforestation or forest conservation;

‘(H) efforts to combat illegal logging and increase enforcement cooperation;

‘(I) providing incentives for policy reforms to achieve the objectives identified in section 753(b); and

‘(J) monitoring and evaluation of the results of the activities conducted under this section.

‘(2) ACTIVITIES SELECTED BY USAID-

‘(A) The Administrator of USAID, in consultation with the Administrator, may select for support and implementation pursuant to subsection (c) any of the activities described in paragraph (1), consistent with this part and the regulations promulgated under subsection (d), and subject to the requirement to achieve the objectives listed in section 753(b)(1).

‘(B) With respect to the activities listed in subparagraphs (D) through (J) of paragraph (1), the Administrator of USAID, in consultation with the Administrator, shall have primary but not exclusive responsibility for selecting the activities to be supported and implemented.

‘(3) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION- The Administrator and the Administrator of USAID shall jointly develop and biennially update a strategic plan for meeting the objectives listed in section 753(b) and shall execute a memorandum of understanding delineating the agencies’ respective roles in implementing this part.

‘(c) Mechanisms-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator may support activities to achieve the objectives identified in section 753(b) by--

‘(A) developing and implementing programs and projects that achieve such objectives; and

‘(B) distributing emission allowances to a country that is eligible under subsection (a), to a private or public group (including international organizations), or to an international fund established by an international agreement to which the United States is a party, to carry out activities to achieve such objectives.

‘(2) USAID ACTIVITIES- With respect to activities selected and implemented by the Administrator of USAID pursuant to subsection (b)(2), the Administrator shall distribute emission allowances as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection based upon the direction of the Administrator of USAID, subject to the availability of allowances for such activities.

‘(3) IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS- If support is distributed through an international organization, the agency responsible for selecting activities in accordance with subsection (b)(1) or (2), in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall ensure the establishment and implementation of adequate mechanisms to apply and enforce the eligibility requirements and other requirements of this section.

‘(4) ROLE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE- The Administrator may not distribute emission allowances under this part to the government of another country or to an international organization or international fund unless the Secretary of State has concurred with such distribution.

‘(d) Standards- The Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, shall promulgate regulations establishing standards to ensure that supplemental emissions reductions achieved through supported activities are additional, measurable, verifiable, permanent, and monitored, and account for leakage and uncertainty.

In addition, such standards shall--

‘(1) require the establishment of a national deforestation baseline for each country with national deforestation reduction activities that is used to account for reductions achieved from such activities;

‘(2) provide that a national deforestation baseline established under paragraph (1) shall--

‘(A) be national in scope;

‘(B) be consistent with nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions with respect to deforestation, taking into consideration the average annual historical deforestation rates of the country during a period of at least 5 years, the applicable drivers of deforestation, and other factors to ensure additionality;

‘(C) establish a trajectory that would result in zero net deforestation by not later than 20 years from the date the baseline is established;

‘(D) be adjusted over time to take account of changing national circumstances;

‘(E) be designed to account for all significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in the country; and

‘(F) be consistent with the national deforestation baseline, if any, established for such country under section 743(e)(4);

‘(3) with respect to support provided pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A) or (B), require supplemental emissions reductions to be achieved and verified prior to compensation through the distribution of emission allowances under this part;

‘(4) with respect to accounting for subnational deforestation reduction activities that lack the standardized or precise measurement and monitoring techniques needed for a full accounting of changes in emissions or baselines, or are subject to other sources of uncertainty, apply a conservative discount factor to reflect the uncertainty regarding the levels of reductions achieved;

‘(5) ensure that activities under this part shall be designed, carried out, and managed--

‘(A) in accordance with widely accepted, environmentally sustainable forest management practices;

‘(B) to promote or restore native forest species and ecosystems where practicable, and to avoid the introduction of invasive nonnative species;

‘(C) in a manner that gives due regard to the rights and interests of local communities, indigenous peoples, forest-dependent communities, and vulnerable social groups;

‘(D) with consultations with, and full participation of, local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities in affected areas, as partners and primary stakeholders, prior to and during the design, planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of activities; and

‘(E) with equitable sharing of profits and benefits derived from the activities with local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities; and

‘(6) with respect to support for all activities under this part, seek to ensure the establishment and enforcement, by the country in which the activities occur, of legal regimes, standards, processes, and safeguards that--

‘(A) give due regard to the rights and interests of local communities, indigenous peoples, forest-dependent communities, and vulnerable social groups;

‘(B) promote consultations with local communities and indigenous peoples and forest-dependent communities in affected areas, as partners and primary stakeholders, prior to and during the design, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of activities under this part; and

‘(C) encourage equitable sharing of profits and benefits from incentives for emissions reductions or leakage prevention with local communities, indigenous peoples, and forest-dependent communities.

‘(e) Scope- (1) The Administrator shall include within the scope of activities under this part reduced emissions from forest degradation.

‘(2) The Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, may decide, taking into account any advice from the Advisory Board, to expand, where appropriate, the scope of activities under this part to include reduced soil carbon-derived emissions associated with deforestation and degradation of forested wetlands and peatlands.

‘(f) Accounting- The Administrator shall establish a publicly accessible registry of the supplemental emissions reductions achieved through support provided under this part each year, after appropriately discounting for uncertainty and other relevant factors as required by the standards established under subsection (d).

‘(g) Transition to National Reductions- Beginning 5 years after the date that a country entered into the agreement or arrangement required under subsection (a)(2), the Administrator shall provide no further compensation through emission allowances to that country under this part for any subnational deforestation reduction activities, except that the Administrator may extend this period by an

additional 5 years if the Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, determines that--

‘(1) the country is making substantial progress towards adopting and implementing a program to achieve reductions in deforestation measured against a national baseline;

‘(2) the greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved are not resulting in significant leakage; and

‘(3) the greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved are being appropriately discounted to account for any leakage that is occurring.

The limitation under this subsection shall not apply to support for activities to further the objectives listed in section 753(b)(2) or (3).

‘(h) Coordination With U.S. Foreign Assistance- Subject to the direction of the President, the Administrator and the Administrator of USAID shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the objectives of this program, seek to align activities under this section with broader development, poverty alleviation, or natural resource management objectives and initiatives in the recipient country.

‘(i) Support as Supplement- The provision of support for activities under this part shall be used to supplement, and not to supplant, any other Federal, State, or local support available to carry out such qualifying activities under this part.

‘(j) Not Eligible for Offset Credit- Activities that receive support under this part shall not be issued offset credits for the greenhouse gas emissions reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, produced by such activities.

‘SEC. 755. REPORTS AND REVIEWS.

‘(a) Reports- Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually

thereafter, the Administrator and the Administrator of USAID shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and make available to the public, a report on the support provided under this part during the prior fiscal year. The report shall include--

‘(1) a statement of the quantity of supplemental emissions reductions for which compensation in the form of emission allowances was provided under this part during the prior fiscal year, as registered by the Administrator under section 754(f); and

‘(2) a description of the national and subnational deforestation reduction activities, capacity-building activities, and leakage prevention activities supported under this part, including a statement of the quantity of emission allowances distributed to each recipient for each activity during the prior fiscal year, and a description of what was accomplished through each of the activities.

‘(b) Reviews- Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this title and every 5 years thereafter, the Administrator and the Administrator of USAID, taking into consideration any evaluation by or recommendations from the Advisory Board established under section 731, shall conduct a review of the activities undertaken pursuant to this part and make any appropriate changes in the program established under this part, consistent with the requirements of this part, based on the findings of the review. The review shall include the effects of the activities on--

‘(1) total documented carbon stocks of each country that directly or indirectly received support under this part compared with such country’s national deforestation baseline established under section 754(d)(1) and (2);

‘(2) the number of countries with the capacity to generate for sale instruments in the nature of offset credits from forest-related activities, and the amount of such activities;

‘(3) forest governance in each country that directly or indirectly received support under this part;

‘(4) indigenous peoples and forest-dependent communities residing in areas affected by such activities;

‘(5) biodiversity and ecosystem services within forested areas associated with the activities;

‘(6) subnational and international leakage; and

‘(7) any program or mechanism established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change related to greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation.

‘SEC. 756. LEGAL EFFECT OF PART.

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Nothing in this part supersedes, limits, or otherwise affects any restriction imposed by Federal law (including regulations) on any interaction between an entity located in the United States and an entity located in a foreign country.

‘(2) ROLE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE- Nothing in this part shall be construed as affecting the role of the Secretary of State or the responsibilities of the Secretary under section 622(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.’.

SEC. 312. DEFINITIONS.

Title VII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 311 of this Act, is amended by inserting before part A the following new section:

‘SEC. 700. DEFINITIONS.

‘In this title:

‘(1) **ADDITIONAL**- The term ‘additional’, when used with respect to reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or to sequestration of greenhouse gases, means reductions, avoidance, or sequestration that result in a lower level of net greenhouse gas emissions or atmospheric concentrations than would occur in the absence of an offset project.

‘(2) **ADDITIONALITY**- The term ‘additionality’ means the extent to which reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, are additional.

‘(3) **ADVISORY BOARD**- The term ‘Advisory Board’ means the Offsets Integrity Advisory Board established under section 731.

‘(4) **AFFILIATED**- The term ‘affiliated’--

‘(A) when used in relation to an entity means owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, another entity, as determined by the Administrator; and

‘(B) when used in relation to a natural gas local distribution company, means owned or controlled by, or under common ownership or control with, another natural gas local distribution company, as determined by the Administrator.

‘(5) **ALLOWANCE**- The term ‘allowance’ means a limited authorization to emit, or have attributable greenhouse gas emissions in an amount of, 1 ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of a greenhouse gas in accordance with this title. Such term includes an emission allowance, a compensatory allowance, and an international emission allowance, but does not include an international reserve allowance established under section 766.

‘(6) ATTRIBUTABLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS-

The term ‘attributable greenhouse gas emissions’, for a given calendar year, means--

‘(A) for a covered entity that is a fuel producer or importer described in paragraph (13)(B), greenhouse gases that would be emitted from the combustion of any petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel, petroleum coke, or natural gas liquid, produced or imported by that covered entity during that calendar year for sale or distribution in interstate commerce, assuming no capture and sequestration of any greenhouse gas emissions;

‘(B) for a covered entity that is an industrial gas producer or importer described in paragraph (13)(C), the tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of any gas described in clauses (i) through (vi) of paragraph (13)(C)--

‘(i) produced or imported by such covered entity during that calendar year for sale or distribution in interstate commerce; or

‘(ii) released as fugitive emissions in the production of fluorinated gas; and

‘(C) for a natural gas local distribution company described in paragraph (13)(J), greenhouse gases that would be emitted from the combustion of the natural gas, and any other gas meeting the specifications for commingling with natural gas for purposes of delivery, that such entity delivered during that calendar year to customers that are not covered entities, assuming no capture and sequestration of that greenhouse gas.

‘(7) BIOLOGICAL SEQUESTRATION; BIOLOGICALLY SEQUESTERED- The terms ‘biological sequestration’ and ‘biologically sequestered’ mean the removal of greenhouse

gases from the atmosphere by terrestrial biological means, such as by growing plants, and the storage of those greenhouse gases in plants or soils.

‘(8) CAPPED EMISSIONS- The term ‘capped emissions’ means greenhouse gas emissions to which section 722 applies, including emissions from the combustion of natural gas, petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel, petroleum coke, or natural gas liquid to which section 722(b)(2) or (8) applies.

‘(9) CAPPED SOURCE- The term ‘capped source’ means a source that directly emits capped emissions.

‘(10) CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT- The term ‘carbon dioxide equivalent’ means the unit of measure, expressed in metric tons, of greenhouse gases as provided under section 711 or 712.

‘(11) CARBON STOCK- The term ‘carbon stock’ means the quantity of carbon contained in a biological reservoir or system which has the capacity to accumulate or release carbon.

‘(12) COMPENSATORY ALLOWANCE- The term ‘compensatory allowance’ means an allowance issued under section 721(f).

‘(13) COVERED ENTITY- The term ‘covered entity’ means each of the following:

‘(A) Any electricity source.

‘(B) Any stationary source that produces, and any entity that (or any group of two or more affiliated entities that, in the aggregate) imports, for sale or distribution in interstate commerce in 2008 or any subsequent year, petroleum-based or coal-based liquid fuel, petroleum coke, or natural gas liquid, the combustion of which would emit

25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, as determined by the Administrator.

‘(C) Any stationary source that produces, and any entity that (or any group of two or more affiliated entities that, in the aggregate) imports, for sale or distribution in interstate commerce, in bulk, or in products designated by the Administrator, in 2008 or any subsequent year 25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of--

‘(i) fossil fuel-based carbon dioxide;

‘(ii) nitrous oxide;

‘(iii) perfluorocarbons;

‘(iv) sulfur hexafluoride;

‘(v) any other fluorinated gas, except for nitrogen trifluoride, that is a greenhouse gas, as designated by the Administrator under section 711; or

‘(vi) any combination of greenhouse gases described in clauses (i) through (v).

‘(D) Any stationary source that has emitted 25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of nitrogen trifluoride in 2008 or any subsequent year.

‘(E) Any geologic sequestration site.

‘(F) Any stationary source in the following industrial sectors:

‘(i) Adipic acid production.

‘(ii) Primary aluminum production.

- ‘(iii) Ammonia manufacturing.
 - ‘(iv) Cement production, excluding grinding-only operations.
 - ‘(v) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon production.
 - ‘(vi) Lime manufacturing.
 - ‘(vii) Nitric acid production.
 - ‘(viii) Petroleum refining.
 - ‘(ix) Phosphoric acid production.
 - ‘(x) Silicon carbide production.
 - ‘(xi) Soda ash production.
 - ‘(xii) Titanium dioxide production.
 - ‘(xiii) Coal-based liquid or gaseous fuel production.
- ‘(G) Any stationary source in the chemical or petrochemical sector that, in 2008 or any subsequent year--
- ‘(i) produces acrylonitrile, carbon black, ethylene, ethylene dichloride, ethylene oxide, or methanol; or
 - ‘(ii) produces a chemical or petrochemical product if producing that product results in annual combustion plus process emissions of 25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.
- ‘(H) Any stationary source that--
- ‘(i) is in one of the following industrial sectors: ethanol production; ferroalloy production; fluorinated gas

production; food processing; glass production; hydrogen production; iron and steel production; lead production; pulp and paper manufacturing; and zinc production; and

‘(ii) has emitted 25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2008 or any subsequent year.

‘(I) Any fossil fuel-fired combustion device (such as a boiler) or grouping of such devices that--

‘(i) is all or part of an industrial source not specified in subparagraph (D), (F), (G), or (H); and

‘(ii) has emitted 25,000 or more tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2008 or any subsequent year.

‘(J) Any natural gas local distribution company that (or any group of 2 or more affiliated natural gas local distribution companies that, in the aggregate), in 2008 or any subsequent year, delivers 460,000,000 cubic feet or more of natural gas, and any other gas meeting the specifications for commingling with natural gas for purposes of delivery, to customers that are not covered entities.

‘(14) CREDITING PERIOD- The term ‘crediting period’ means the period with respect to which an offset project is eligible to earn offset credits under part D, as determined under section 734(c).

‘(15) DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE- The term ‘designated representative’ means, with respect to a covered entity, a reporting entity (as defined in section 713), an offset project developer, or any other entity receiving or holding allowances, offset credits, or term offset credits under this title, an individual authorized, through a certificate of representation submitted to the Administrator by the owners and operators or

similar entity official, to represent the owners and operators or similar entity official in all matters pertaining to this title (including the holding, transfer, or disposition of allowances or offset credits), and to make all submissions to the Administrator under this title.

‘(16) DEVELOPING COUNTRY- The term ‘developing country’ means a country eligible to receive official development assistance according to the income guidelines of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

‘(17) DOMESTIC OFFSET CREDIT- For purposes of part D, the term ‘domestic offset credit’ means an offset credit issued under part D, other than an international offset credit. For purposes of part C, the term means any offset credit issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, or the amendments made thereby. The term does not include a term offset credit.

‘(18) ELECTRICITY SOURCE- The term ‘electricity source’ means a stationary source that includes one or more utility units.

‘(19) EMISSION- The term ‘emission’ means the release of a greenhouse gas into the ambient air. Such term does not include gases that are captured and geologically sequestered, except to the extent that they are later released into the atmosphere, in which case compliance must be demonstrated pursuant to section 722(b)(5).

‘(20) EMISSION ALLOWANCE- The term ‘emission allowance’ means an allowance established under section 721(a) or section 726(g)(2) or (h)(1)(C).

‘(21) FAIR MARKET VALUE- The term ‘fair market value’ means the average daily closing price on registered exchanges or, if such a price is unavailable, the average price as

determined by the Administrator, during a specified time period, of an emission allowance.

‘(22) FEDERAL LAND- The term ‘Federal land’ means land that is owned by the United States, other than land held in trust for an Indian or Indian tribe.

‘(23) FOSSIL FUEL- The term ‘fossil fuel’ means natural gas, petroleum, or coal, or any form of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel derived from such material, including consumer products that are derived from such materials and are combusted.

‘(24) FOSSIL FUEL-FIRED- The term ‘fossil fuel-fired’ means powered by combustion of fossil fuel, alone or in combination with any other fuel, regardless of the percentage of fossil fuel consumed.

‘(25) FUGITIVE EMISSIONS- The term ‘fugitive emissions’ means emissions from leaks, valves, joints, or other small openings in pipes, ducts, or other equipment, or from vents.

‘(26) GEOLOGIC SEQUESTRATION; GEOLOGICALLY SEQUESTERED- The terms ‘geologic sequestration’ and ‘geologically sequestered’ mean the sequestration of greenhouse gases in subsurface geologic formations for purposes of permanent storage.

‘(27) GEOLOGIC SEQUESTRATION SITE- The term ‘geologic sequestration site’ means a site where carbon dioxide is geologically sequestered.

‘(28) GREENHOUSE GAS- The term ‘greenhouse gas’ means any gas described in section 711(a) or designated under section 711, except to the extent that it is regulated under title VI.

‘(29) HOLD- The term ‘hold’ means, with respect to an allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit, to have in the

appropriate account in the allowance tracking system established under section 724(d), or submit to the Administrator for recording in such account.

‘(30) INDUSTRIAL SOURCE- The term ‘industrial source’ means any stationary source that--

‘(A) is not an electricity source; and

‘(B) is in--

‘(i) the manufacturing sector (as defined in North American Industrial Classification System codes 31, 32, and 33); or

‘(ii) the natural gas processing or natural gas pipeline transportation sector (as defined in North American Industrial Classification System codes 211112 and 486210).

‘(31) INTERNATIONAL EMISSION ALLOWANCE- The term ‘international emission allowance’ means a tradable authorization to emit 1 ton of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas that is issued by a national or supranational foreign government pursuant to a qualifying international program designated by the Administrator pursuant to section 728(a).

‘(32) INTERNATIONAL OFFSET CREDIT- The term ‘international offset credit’ means an offset credit issued by the Administrator under section 743.

‘(33) LEAKAGE- Except as provided in part F, the term ‘leakage’ means a significant increase in greenhouse gas emissions, or significant decrease in sequestration, which is caused by an offset project or activities under part E and occurs outside the boundaries of the offset project or the relevant

program or project under part E.

‘(34) MINERAL SEQUESTRATION- The term ‘mineral sequestration’ means sequestration of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by capturing carbon dioxide into a permanent mineral, such as the aqueous precipitation of carbonate minerals that results in the storage of carbon dioxide in a mineral form.

‘(35) NATURAL GAS LIQUID- The term ‘natural gas liquid’ means ethane, butane, isobutane, natural gasoline, and propane.

‘(36) NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY- The term ‘natural gas local distribution company’ has the meaning given the term ‘local distribution company’ in section 2(17) of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3301(17)).

‘(37) OFFSET CREDIT- For purposes of this section and part D, the term ‘offset credit’ means an offset credit issued under part D. For purposes of part C, the term means any offset credit issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, or the amendments made thereby. The term does not include a term offset credit.

‘(38) OFFSET PROJECT- The term ‘offset project’ means a project or activity that reduces or avoids greenhouse gas emissions, or sequesters greenhouse gases, and for which offset credits are or may be issued under part D.

‘(39) OFFSET PROJECT DEVELOPER- The term ‘offset project developer’ means the individual or entity designated as the offset project developer in an offset project approval petition under section 735(c)(1).

‘(40) PETROLEUM- The term ‘petroleum’ includes crude oil, tar sands, oil shale, and heavy oils.

‘(41) RENEWABLE BIOMASS- The term ‘renewable biomass’ means any of the following:

‘(A) Materials, pre-commercial thinnings, or removed invasive species from National Forest System land and public lands (as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), including those that are byproducts of preventive treatments (such as trees, wood, brush, thinnings, chips, and slash), that are removed as part of a federally recognized timber sale, or that are removed to reduce hazardous fuels, to reduce or contain disease or insect infestation, or to restore ecosystem health, and that are--

‘(i) not from components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, Wilderness Study Areas, Inventoried Roadless Areas, old growth stands, late-successional stands (except for dead, severely damaged, or badly infested trees), components of the National Landscape Conservation System, National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Designated Primitive Areas, or Wild and Scenic Rivers corridors;

‘(ii) harvested in environmentally sustainable quantities, as determined by the appropriate Federal land manager; and

‘(iii) harvested in accordance with Federal and State law, and applicable land management plans.

‘(B) Any organic matter that is available on a renewable or recurring basis from non-Federal land or land belonging to an Indian or Indian tribe that is held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, including--

‘(i) renewable plant material, including--

‘(I) feed grains;

‘(II) other agricultural commodities;

‘(III) other plants and trees; and

‘(IV) algae; and

‘(ii) waste material, including--

‘(I) crop residue;

‘(II) other vegetative waste material (including wood waste and wood residues);

‘(III) animal waste and byproducts (including fats, oils, greases, and manure);

‘(IV) construction waste; and

‘(V) food waste and yard waste.

‘(C) Residues and byproducts from wood, pulp, or paper products facilities.

‘(42) RETIRE- The term ‘retire’, with respect to an allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit, established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 or the amendments made thereby, means to disqualify such allowance or offset credit for any subsequent use under this title, regardless of whether the use is a sale, exchange, or submission of the allowance, offset credit, or term offset credit to satisfy a compliance obligation.

‘(43) REVERSAL- The term ‘reversal’ means an intentional or unintentional loss of sequestered greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

‘(44) SEQUESTERED AND SEQUESTRATION- The terms ‘sequestered’ and ‘sequestration’ mean the separation, isolation, or removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, as determined by the Administrator. The terms include biological, geologic, and mineral sequestration, but do not include ocean fertilization techniques.

‘(45) STATIONARY SOURCE- The term ‘stationary source’ means any integrated operation comprising any plant, building, structure, or stationary equipment, including support buildings and equipment, that is located within one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, is under common control of the same person or persons, and emits or may emit a greenhouse gas.

‘(46) STRATEGIC RESERVE ALLOWANCE- The term ‘strategic reserve allowance’ means an emission allowance reserved for, transferred to, or deposited in the strategic reserve under section 726.

‘(47) TON- The term ‘ton’ means metric ton.

‘(48) UNCAPPED EMISSIONS- The term ‘uncapped emissions’ means emissions of greenhouse gases emitted after December 31, 2011, that are not capped emissions.

‘(49) UNITED STATES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS- The term ‘United States greenhouse gas emissions’ means the total quantity of annual greenhouse gas emissions from the United States, as calculated by the Administrator and reported to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat.

‘(50) UTILITY UNIT- The term ‘utility unit’ means a combustion device that, on January 1, 2009, or any date thereafter, is fossil fuel-fired and serves a generator that produces electricity for sale, unless such combustion device, during the 12-month period starting the later of January 1,

2009, or the commencement of commercial operation and each calendar year starting after such later date--

‘(A) is part of an integrated cycle system that cogenerates steam and electricity during normal operation and that supplies one-third or less of its potential electric output capacity and 25 MW or less of electrical output for sale; or

‘(B) combusts materials of which more than 95 percent is municipal solid waste on a heat input basis.

‘(51) VINTAGE YEAR- The term ‘vintage year’ means the calendar year for which an emission allowance is established under section 721(a) or which is assigned to an emission allowance under section 726(g)(3)(A), except that the vintage year for a strategic reserve allowance shall be the year in which such allowance is purchased at auction.’.

Subtitle B--Disposition of Allowances

SEC. 321. DISPOSITION OF ALLOWANCES FOR GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION REDUCTION PROGRAM.

Title VII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 311 of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following part:

‘PART H--DISPOSITION OF ALLOWANCES

‘SEC. 781. ALLOCATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REDUCTIONS.

‘(a) In General- The Administrator shall allocate for each vintage year the following percentage of the emission allowances

established under section 721(a), for distribution in accordance with part E:

‘(1) For vintage years 2012 through 2025, 5 percent.

‘(2) For vintage years 2026 through 2030, 3 percent.

‘(3) For vintage years 2031 through 2050, 2 percent.

‘(b) Adjustment- The Administrator shall modify the percentages set forth in subsection (a) as necessary to ensure the achievement of the annual supplemental emission reduction objective for 2020, and the cumulative reduction objective through 2025, set forth in section 753(b)(1).

‘(c) Carryover- If the Administrator has not distributed all of the allowances allocated pursuant to this section for a given vintage year by the end of that year, all such undistributed emission allowances shall, in accordance with section 782(s), be exchanged for allowances from the following vintage year and treated as part of the allocation for supplemental reductions under this section for that later vintage year.

‘SEC. 782. ALLOCATION OF EMISSION ALLOWANCES.

‘(a) Electricity Consumers- (1) The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for the benefit of electricity consumers, to be distributed in accordance with section 783(b), (c), and (d) in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 and 2013: 43.75 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2014 and 2015: 38.89 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section

721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2016 through 2025: 35.00 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(D) For vintage year 2026: 28 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(E) For vintage year 2027: 21 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(F) For vintage year 2028: 14 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(G) For vintage year 2029: 7 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(2) The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for energy efficiency, renewable electricity, and low income ratepayer assistance programs administered by small electricity local distribution companies, to be distributed in accordance with section 783(e) in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2025: 0.5 percent of the emission allowances established each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage year 2026: 0.4 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage year 2027: 0.3 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(D) For vintage year 2028: 0.2 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(E) For vintage year 2029: 0.1 percent of the emission

allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(3) For vintage year 2012, the Administrator shall allocate 0.35 percent of emission allowances established for such year under section 721(a) to avoid disincentives to the continued use of existing energy-efficient cogeneration facilities at industrial parks, to be distributed in accordance with section 783(f).

‘(b) Natural Gas Consumers- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for the benefit of natural gas consumers to be distributed in accordance with section 784 in the following amounts:

‘(1) For vintage years 2016 through 2025, 9 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage year 2026, 7.2 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(3) For vintage year 2027, 5.4 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(4) For vintage year 2028, 3.6 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(5) For vintage year 2029, 1.8 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(c) Home Heating Oil and Propane Consumers- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for the benefit of home heating oil and propane consumers to be distributed in accordance with section 785 in the following amounts:

‘(1) For vintage years 2012 and 2013, 1.875 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage years 2014 and 2015, 1.67 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(3) For vintage years 2016 through 2025, 1.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(4) For vintage year 2026, 1.2 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(5) For vintage year 2027, 0.9 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(6) For vintage year 2028, 0.6 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(7) For vintage year 2029, 0.3 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(d) Low Income Consumers- For each vintage year starting in 2012, the Administrator shall auction, pursuant to section 791, 15 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a), with the proceeds used for the benefit of low income consumers to fund the program set forth in subtitle C of title IV of American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and the amendments made thereby.

‘(e) Trade-vulnerable Industries-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances to energy-intensive, trade-exposed entities, to be distributed in accordance with section 765, in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 and 2013, up to 2.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under

section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage year 2014, up to 15 percent of the emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage year 2015, up to the product of--

‘(i) the amount specified in paragraph (2); multiplied by

‘(ii) the quantity of emission allowances established for 2015 under section 721(a) divided by the quantity of emission allowances established for 2014 under section 721(a).

‘(D) For vintage year 2016, up to the product of--

‘(i) the amount specified in paragraph (3); multiplied by

‘(ii) the quantity of emission allowances established for 2015 under section 721(a) divided by the quantity of emission allowances established for 2014 under section 721(a).

‘(E) For vintage years 2017 through 2025, up to the product of--

‘(i) the amount specified in paragraph (4); multiplied by

‘(ii) the quantity of emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a) divided by the quantity of emission allowances established for 2016 under section 721(a).

‘(F) For vintage years 2026 through 2050, up to the

product of the amount specified in paragraph (4)--

‘(i) multiplied by the quantity of emission allowances established for the applicable year during 2026 through 2050 under section 721(a) divided by the quantity of emission allowances established for 2016 under section 721(a); and

‘(ii) multiplied by a factor that shall equal 90 percent for 2026 and decline 10 percent for each year thereafter until reaching zero, except that, if the President modifies a percentage for a year under subparagraph (A) of section 767(c)(3), the highest percentage the President applies for any sector under that subparagraph for that year (not exceeding 100 percent) shall be used for that year instead of the factor otherwise specified in this clause.

‘(2) CARRYOVER- After the Administrator distributes emission allowances pursuant to section 765 for any given vintage year, any emission allowances allocated to energy-intensive, trade-exposed entities pursuant to this subsection that have not been so distributed shall, in accordance with subsection (s), be exchanged for allowances from the following vintage year and treated as part of the allocation to such entities for that later vintage year.

‘(f) Deployment of Carbon Capture and Sequestration Technology-

‘(1) ANNUAL ALLOCATION- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technology to be distributed in accordance with section 786 in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2014 through 2017, 1.75 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2018 and 2019, 4.75 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2020 through 2050, 5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) CARRYOVER- If the Administrator has not distributed all of the allowances allocated pursuant to this subsection for a given vintage year by the end of that year, all such undistributed emission allowances shall, in accordance with subsection (s), be exchanged for allowances from the following vintage year and treated as part of the allocation for the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technology under this subsection for that later vintage year.

‘(g) Investment in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy as follows:

‘(1) To be distributed in accordance with section 132 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2015, 9.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2016 through 2017, 6.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2018 through 2021, 5.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(D) For vintage years 2022 through 2025, 1.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(E) For vintage years 2026 through 2050, 4.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(F) At the same time allowances are distributed under subparagraph (D) for each of the vintage years 2022 through 2025, 3.55 percent of emission allowances established under section 721(a) for the vintage year 4 years after that vintage year shall also be distributed (which shall be in addition to the emission allowances distributed under subparagraph (E)).

‘(2) To be distributed in accordance with section 304 of the Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended by section 201 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, for each vintage year from 2012 through 2050, 0.5 percent of emission allowances established for that year under section 721(a).

‘(3) To be distributed among the States in accordance with the formula in section 132(b) of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and to be used exclusively for the purposes of section 202 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2017, 0.05 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2018 through 2050, 0.03 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(h) Energy Research and Development-

‘(1) ENERGY INNOVATION HUBS- For vintage years 2012 through 2050, the Administrator shall allocate 0.45 percent of the emission allowances established under section 721(a) to be distributed to Energy Innovation Hubs in accordance with section 171 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(2) ADVANCED ENERGY RESEARCH- For vintage years 2012 through 2050, the Administrator shall allocate 1.05 percent of the emission allowances established under section 721(a) for the Advanced Research Project Agency-Energy to be distributed in accordance with section 172 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(i) Investment in Clean Vehicle Technology- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances to invest in the development and deployment of clean vehicles, to be distributed in accordance with section 124 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(1) For vintage years 2012 through 2017, 3 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage years 2018 through 2025, 1 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(j) Domestic Fuel Production- For vintage years 2014 through 2026, the Administrator shall allocate and distribute according to section 787--

‘(1) 2 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a) to domestic petroleum refineries that are covered entities pursuant to section 700(13)(F)(viii),

including small business refiners; and

‘(2) an additional 0.25 percent of the emissions allowances established for each year under section 721(a) to small business refiners that are covered entities pursuant to section 700(13)(F)(viii).

‘(k) Investment in Workers- (1) The Administrator shall auction pursuant to section 791 emission allowances for the benefit of workers pursuant to part 2 of subtitle B of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts, and shall deposit into the Climate Change Worker Adjustment Assistance Fund established pursuant to section 793, and report to the Secretary of Labor on, the proceeds from the sale of these allowances:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 0.5 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2022 through 2050, 1.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

All amounts deposited into the fund shall be available to the Secretary of Labor until expended to carry out part 2 of subtitle B of title IV of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. Of the amounts deposited, not more than \$10,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Labor for Federal administration costs of such part 2 each fiscal year.

‘(2) The Administrator shall auction, pursuant to section 791, 0.75 percent of the emission allowances established for each of vintage years 2012 and 2013 under section 721(a), and shall deposit the proceeds in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training Fund established by section 422 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(l) Domestic Adaptation- The Administrator shall allocate emission

allowances for domestic adaptation as follows:

‘(1) To be distributed in accordance with section 453 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 0.9 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2022 through 2026, 1.9 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2027 through 2050, 3.9 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage year 2012 and thereafter, the Administrator shall auction, pursuant to section 791, 0.1 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a), and shall deposit the proceeds in the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Fund established by section 467 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(m) Wildlife and Natural Resource Adaptation- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for wildlife and natural resource adaptation as follows:

‘(1) To be distributed to State agencies in accordance with section 480(a) of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 0.385 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2022 through 2026, 0.77 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2027 through 2050, 1.54 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) To be auctioned pursuant to section 791, with the proceeds to be deposited in the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Fund established pursuant to section 480(b), in the following amounts:

‘(A) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 0.615 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(B) For vintage years 2022 through 2026, 1.23 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(C) For vintage years 2027 through 2050, 2.46 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(n) International Adaptation- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for international adaptation to be distributed in accordance with part 2 of subtitle E of title IV of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(1) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 1.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage years 2022 through 2026, 2.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(3) For vintage years 2027 through 2050, 4.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(o) International Clean Technology Deployment- The Administrator shall allocate emission allowances for international clean technology deployment for distribution in accordance with subtitle D of title IV of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the following amounts:

‘(1) For vintage years 2012 through 2021, 1.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(2) For vintage years 2022 through 2026, 2.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(3) For vintage years 2027 through 2050, 4.0 percent of the emission allowances established for each year under section 721(a).

‘(p) Release of Future Allowances- The Administrator shall make future year allowances available by auctioning allowances, pursuant to section 791, in the following amounts:

‘(1) In each of calendar years 2014 through 2019, a string of 0.70 billion allowances with vintage years 12 to 17 years after the year of the auction, with an equal number of allowances from each vintage year in the string.

‘(2) In each of calendar years 2020 through 2025, a string of 0.50 billion allowances with vintage years 12 to 17 years after the year of the auction, with an equal number of allowances from each vintage year in the string.

‘(3) In each of calendar years 2026 through 2030, a string of

0.3 billion allowances with vintage years 12 to 17 years after the year of the auction, with an equal number of allowances from each vintage year in the string.

‘(q) Deficit Reduction-

‘(1) For each of vintage years 2012 through 2025, any allowances not allocated for distribution or auction pursuant to section 781 or subsections (a) through (o) and subsections (s) and (t) of this section, or disbursed pursuant to section 790, shall be auctioned by the Administrator pursuant to section 791 and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Treasury.

‘(2) Unless otherwise specified, any allowances allocated pursuant to subsections (a) through (o) and subsections (s) and (t) and not distributed by March 31 of the calendar year following the allowance’s vintage year, shall be auctioned by the Administrator and the proceeds shall be deposited into the Treasury.

‘(3) For auctions conducted through calendar year 2020 pursuant to subsection (p), the auction proceeds shall be deposited into the Treasury.

‘(r) Climate Change Consumer Refund-

‘(1) For each of vintage years 2026 through 2050, the Administrator shall auction the following allowances established under section 721(a) and deposit the proceeds into the Climate Change Consumer Refund Account:

‘(A) Any allowances not allocated for distribution or auction pursuant to section 781 or subsections (a) through (p) of this section, or disbursed pursuant to section 790.

‘(B) Unless otherwise specified, any allowances allocated pursuant to subsections (a) through (o) and not distributed

by March 31 of the calendar year following the allowance's vintage year.

‘(2) For auctions conducted pursuant to subsection (p) in calendar years 2021 and thereafter, the Administrator shall place the proceeds from the sales of the these allowances into the Climate Change Consumer Refund Account.

‘(3) Funds deposited into the Climate Change Consumer Refund Account shall be used as specified in section 789 and shall be available for expenditure, without further appropriation or fiscal year limitation.

‘(s) Treatment of Carryover Allowances-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- If there are undistributed allowances from a vintage year for supplemental reductions pursuant to section 781(c), energy-intensive, trade-exposed industries pursuant to subsection (e)(2) of this section, deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technology pursuant to subsection (f)(2) of this section, or supplemental agriculture and renewable energy pursuant to subsection (u)(2) of this section, the Administrator shall--

‘(A) use the undistributed allowances to increase for the same vintage year--

‘(i) the allocation of allowances to be auctioned for deficit reduction pursuant to subsection (q) or for consumer refunds pursuant to subsection (r);

‘(ii) the allocation of allowances to be auctioned for low income consumers pursuant to subsection (d); or

‘(iii) a combination of both; and

‘(B) except as provided in paragraph (2)--

‘(i) decrease by the same amount for the following vintage year the allocation for the purpose for which the allocation was increased pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

‘(ii) increase by the same amount for the following vintage year the allocation for the purpose for which the undistributed allowances were originally allocated.

‘(2) EXCESS UNDISTRIBUTED ALLOWANCES- (A) For each vintage year for which this subsection applies, the Administrator shall determine whether--

‘(i) the total quantity of undistributed allowances for that vintage year that were allocated pursuant to section 781(c), and subsections (e)(2), (f)(2), and (u)(2) of this section, exceeds

‘(ii) the total quantity of allowances allocated pursuant to subsection (d), (q) and (r) for the following vintage year, decreased by the quantity of allowances for that following vintage year set aside for the reserve established by section 791(f).

‘(B) If the Administrator determines under subparagraph (A) that the quantity described in subparagraph (A)(i) exceeds the quantity described in subparagraph (A)(ii), paragraph (1)(B)(ii) of this subsection shall not apply. Instead, for each purpose described in section 781(c), or subsections (e)(2), (f)(2), and (u)(2) of this section for which undistributed allowances for a given vintage year were allocated, the Administrator shall increase the allocation for the following vintage year by the amount that is the product of--

‘(i) the number of undistributed allowances for that purpose, times

‘(ii) the quantity described in subparagraph (A)(ii) divided by the quantity described in subparagraph (A)(i).

‘(t) Compensation for Early Actors- For vintage year 2012, the Administrator shall allocate for compensation for early actors 1 percent of emission allowances established under section 721(a), to be distributed in accordance with section 795 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(u) Supplemental Agriculture and Renewable Energy-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- For vintage years 2012 through 2016, the Administrator shall allocate 0.28 percent of emission allowances established under section 721(a), to be distributed in accordance with section 788 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(2) CARRYOVER- After the Administrator distributes emission allowances pursuant to section 788 for any given vintage year, any emission allowances allocated to supplemental agriculture and renewable energy pursuant to this subsection that have not been so distributed shall, in accordance with subsection (s), be exchanged for allowances from the following vintage year and treated as part of the allocation to such entities for that later vintage year.

‘SEC. 783. ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) COAL-FUELED UNIT- The term ‘coal-fueled unit’ means a utility unit that derives at least 85 percent of its heat input from coal, petroleum coke, or any combination of these 2 fuels.

‘(2) ELECTRICITY LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY- The term ‘electricity local distribution company’ means an electric utility--

‘(A) that has a legal, regulatory, or contractual obligation to deliver electricity directly to retail consumers in the United States, regardless of whether that entity or another entity sells the electricity as a commodity to those retail consumers; and

‘(B) the retail rates of which, except in the case of an electric cooperative, are regulated or set by--

‘(i) a State regulatory authority;

‘(ii) a State or political subdivision thereof (or an agency or instrumentality of, or corporation wholly owned by, either of the foregoing); or

‘(iii) an Indian tribe pursuant to tribal law.

‘(3) **ELECTRICITY SAVINGS; RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE-** The terms ‘electricity savings’ and ‘renewable energy resource’ shall have the meaning given those terms in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as added by section 101 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009).

‘(4) **INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCTION FACILITY-** The term ‘independent power production facility’ means a facility--

‘(A) that is used for the generation of electric energy, at least 80 percent of which is sold at wholesale; and

‘(B) the sales of the output of which are not subject to retail rate regulation or setting of retail rates by--

‘(i) a State regulatory authority;

‘(ii) a State or political subdivision thereof (or an

agency or instrumentality of, or corporation wholly owned by, either of the foregoing);

‘(iii) an electric cooperative; or

‘(iv) an Indian tribe pursuant to tribal law.

‘(5) LONG-TERM CONTRACT GENERATOR- The term ‘long-term contract generator’ means a qualifying small power production facility, a qualifying cogeneration facility), an independent power production facility, or a facility for the production of electric energy for sale to others that is owned and operated by an electric cooperative that is--

‘(A) a covered entity; and

‘(B) as of the date of enactment of this title--

‘(i) a facility with 1 or more sales or tolling agreements executed before March 1, 2007, that govern the facility’s electricity sales and provide for sales at a price (whether a fixed price or a price formula) for electricity that does not allow for recovery of the costs of compliance with the limitation on greenhouse gas emissions under this title, provided that such agreements are not between entities that are affiliates of one another; or

‘(ii) a facility consisting of 1 or more cogeneration units that makes useful thermal energy available to an industrial or commercial process with 1 or more sales agreements executed before March 1, 2007, that govern the facility’s useful thermal energy sales and provide for sales at a price (whether a fixed price or price formula) for useful thermal energy that does not allow for recovery of the costs of compliance with the limitation on greenhouse gas emissions under this title,

provided that such agreements are not between entities that are affiliates of one another.

‘(6) **MERCHANT COAL UNIT**- The term ‘merchant coal unit’ means a coal-fueled unit that--

‘(A) is or is part of a covered entity;

‘(B) is not owned by a Federal, State, or regional agency or power authority; and

‘(C) generates electricity solely for sale to others, provided that all or a portion of such sales are made by a separate legal entity that--

‘(i) has a full or partial ownership or leasehold interest in the unit, as certified in accordance with such requirements as the Administrator shall prescribe; and

‘(ii) is not subject to retail rate regulation or setting of retail rates by--

‘(I) a State regulatory authority;

‘(II) a State or political subdivision thereof (or an agency or instrumentality of, or corporation wholly owned by, either of the foregoing);

‘(III) an electric cooperative; or

‘(IV) an Indian tribe pursuant to tribal law.

‘(7) **MERCHANT COAL UNIT SALES**- The term ‘merchant coal unit sales’ means sales to others of electricity generated by a merchant coal unit that are made by the owner or leaseholder described in paragraph (6)(C).

‘(8) **NEW COAL-FUELED UNIT**- The term ‘new coal-fueled

unit’ means a coal-fueled unit that commenced operation on or after January 1, 2009 and before January 1, 2013.

‘(9) NEW MERCHANT COAL UNIT- The term ‘new merchant coal unit’ means a merchant coal unit--

‘(A) that commenced operation on or after January 1, 2009 and before January 1, 2013; and

‘(B) the actual, on-site construction of which commenced prior to January 1, 2009.

‘(10) QUALIFYING SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITY; QUALIFYING COGENERATION FACILITY- The terms ‘qualifying small power production facility’ and ‘qualifying cogeneration facility’ have the meanings given those terms in section 3(17)(C) and 3(18)(B) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(17)(C) and 796(18)(B)).

‘(11) SMALL LDC- The term ‘small LDC’ means, for any given year, an electricity local distribution company that delivered less than 4,000,000 megawatt hours of electric energy directly to retail consumers in the preceding year.

‘(12) STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY- The term ‘State regulatory authority’ has the meaning given that term in section 3(17) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2602(17)).

‘(13) USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY- The term ‘useful thermal energy’ has the meaning given that term in section 371(7) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6341(7)).

‘(b) Electricity Local Distribution Companies-

‘(1) DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOWANCES- Not later than

September 30, 2011, and each calendar year thereafter through 2028, the Administrator shall distribute to electricity local distribution companies for the benefit of retail ratepayers the quantity of emission allowances allocated for the following vintage year pursuant to section 782(a)(1). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Administrator shall withhold from distribution under this subsection a quantity of emission allowances equal to the lesser of 14.3 percent of the quantity of emission allowances allocated under section 782(a)(1) for the relevant vintage year, or 105 percent of the emission allowances for the relevant vintage year that the Administrator anticipates will be distributed to merchant coal units and to long-term contract generators, respectively, under subsections (c) and (d). If not required by subsections (c) and (d) to distribute all of these reserved allowances, the Administrator shall distribute any remaining emission allowances to electricity local distribution companies in accordance with this subsection.

‘(2) DISTRIBUTION BASED ON EMISSIONS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- For each vintage year, 50 percent of the emission allowances available for distribution under paragraph (1), after reserving allowances for distribution under subsections (c) and (d), shall be distributed by the Administrator among individual electricity local distribution companies ratably based on the annual average carbon dioxide emissions attributable to generation of electricity delivered at retail by each such company during the base period determined under subparagraph (B).

‘(B) BASE PERIOD-

‘(i) VINTAGE YEARS 2012 AND 2013- For vintage years 2012 and 2013, an electricity local distribution company’s base period shall be--

‘(I) calendar years 2006 through 2008; or

‘(II) any 3 consecutive calendar years between 1999 and 2008, inclusive, that such company selects, provided that the company timely informs the Administrator of such selection.

‘(ii) VINTAGE YEARS 2014 AND THEREAFTER- For vintage years 2014 and thereafter, the base period shall be--

‘(I) the base period selected under clause (i); or

‘(II) calendar year 2012, in the case of an electricity local distribution company that owns, co-owns, or purchases through a power purchase agreement (whether directly or through a cooperative arrangement) a substantial portion of the electricity generated by a new coal-fueled unit, provided that such company timely informs the Administrator of its election to use 2012 as its base period.

‘(C) DETERMINATION OF EMISSIONS-

‘(i) DETERMINATION FOR 1999-2008- As part of the regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (g), the Administrator, after consultation with the Energy Information Administration, shall determine the average amount of carbon dioxide emissions attributable to generation of electricity delivered at retail by each electricity local distribution company for each of the years 1999 through 2008, taking into account entities’ electricity generation, electricity purchases, and electricity sales. In the case of any electricity local distribution company that owns, co-owns, or purchases through a power purchase agreement (whether directly or through a cooperative arrangement) a substantial portion of the electricity

generated by, a coal-fueled unit that commenced operation after January 1, 2006, and before December 31, 2008, the Administrator shall adjust the emissions attributable to such company's retail deliveries in calendar years 2006 through 2008 to reflect the emissions that would have occurred if the relevant unit were in operation during the entirety of such 3-year period.

‘(ii) ADJUSTMENTS FOR NEW COAL-FUELED UNITS-

‘(I) VINTAGE YEARS 2012 AND 2013- For purposes of emission allowance distributions for vintage years 2012 and 2013, in the case of any electricity local distribution company that owns, co-owns, or purchases through a power purchase agreement (whether directly or through a cooperative arrangement) a substantial portion of the electricity generated by, a new coal-fueled unit, the Administrator shall adjust the emissions attributable to such company's retail deliveries in the applicable base period to reflect the emissions that would have occurred if the new coal-fueled unit were in operation during such period.

‘(II) VINTAGE YEAR 2014 AND THEREAFTER- Not later than necessary for use in making emission allowance distributions under this subsection for vintage year 2014, the Administrator shall, for any electricity local distribution company that owns, co-owns, or purchases through a power purchase agreement (whether directly or through a cooperative arrangement) a substantial portion of the electricity generated by a new coal-fueled unit and has

selected calendar year 2012 as its base period pursuant to subparagraph (B)(ii)(II), determine the amount of carbon dioxide emissions attributable to generation of electricity delivered at retail by such company in calendar year 2012. If the relevant new coal-fueled unit was not yet operational by January 1, 2012, the Administrator shall adjust such determination to reflect the emissions that would have occurred if such unit were in operation for all of calendar year 2012.

‘(iii) REQUIREMENTS- Determinations under this paragraph shall be as precise as practicable, taking into account the nature of data currently available and the nature of markets and regulation in effect in various regions of the country. The following requirements shall apply to such determinations:

‘(I) The Administrator shall determine the amount of fossil fuel-based electricity delivered at retail by each electricity local distribution company, and shall use appropriate emission factors to calculate carbon dioxide emissions associated with the generation of such electricity.

‘(II) Where it is not practical to determine the precise fuel mix for the electricity delivered at retail by an individual electricity local distribution company, the Administrator may use the best available data, including average data on a regional basis with reference to Regional Transmission Organizations or regional entities (as that term is defined in section 215(a)(7) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)(7))), to estimate fuel mix and emissions. Different methodologies may be applied in different regions if appropriate to obtain

the most accurate estimate.

‘(3) DISTRIBUTION BASED ON DELIVERIES-

‘(A) INITIAL FORMULA- Except as provided in subparagraph (B), for each vintage year, the Administrator shall distribute 50 percent of the emission allowances available for distribution under paragraph (1), after reserving allowances for distribution under subsections (c) and (d), among individual electricity local distribution companies ratably based on each electricity local distribution company’s annual average retail electricity deliveries for calendar years 2006 through 2008, unless the owner or operator of the company selects 3 other consecutive years between 1999 and 2008, inclusive, and timely notifies the Administrator of its selection.

‘(B) UPDATING- Prior to distributing 2015 vintage year emission allowances under this paragraph and at 3-year intervals thereafter, the Administrator shall update the distribution formula under this paragraph to reflect changes in each electricity local distribution company’s service territory since the most recent formula was established. For each successive 3-year period, the Administrator shall distribute allowances ratably among individual electricity local distribution companies based on the product of--

‘(i) each electricity local distribution company’s average annual deliveries per customer during calendar years 2006 through 2008, or during the 3 alternative consecutive years selected by such company under subparagraph (A); and

‘(ii) the number of customers of such electricity local distribution company in the most recent year in which the formula is updated under this subparagraph.

‘(4) PROHIBITION AGAINST EXCESS DISTRIBUTIONS-

The regulations promulgated under subsection (g) shall ensure that, notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (3), no electricity local distribution company shall receive a greater quantity of allowances under this subsection than is necessary to offset any increased electricity costs to such company’s retail ratepayers, including increased costs attributable to purchased power costs, due to enactment of this title. Any emission allowances withheld from distribution to an electricity local distribution company pursuant to this paragraph shall be distributed among all remaining electricity local distribution companies ratably based on emissions pursuant to paragraph (2).

‘(5) USE OF ALLOWANCES-

‘(A) RATEPAYER BENEFIT- Emission allowances distributed to an electricity local distribution company under this subsection shall be used exclusively for the benefit of retail ratepayers of such electricity local distribution company and may not be used to support electricity sales or deliveries to entities or persons other than such ratepayers.

‘(B) RATEPAYER CLASSES- In using emission allowances distributed under this subsection for the benefit of ratepayers, an electricity local distribution company shall ensure that ratepayer benefits are distributed--

‘(i) among ratepayer classes ratably based on electricity deliveries to each class; and

‘(ii) equitably among individual ratepayers within each ratepayer class, including entities that receive emission allowances pursuant to part F.

‘(C) LIMITATION- In general, an electricity local distribution company shall not use the value of emission

allowances distributed under this subsection to provide to any ratepayer a rebate that is based solely on the quantity of electricity delivered to such ratepayer. To the extent an electricity local distribution company uses the value of emission allowances distributed under this subsection to provide rebates, it shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide such rebates with regard to the fixed portion of ratepayers' bills or as a fixed credit or rebate on electricity bills.

‘(D) INDUSTRIAL RATEPAYERS- Notwithstanding subparagraph (C), if compliance with the requirements of this title results (or would otherwise result) in an increase in electricity costs for industrial retail ratepayers of any given electricity local distribution company (including entities that receive emission allowances pursuant to part F), such electricity local distribution company--

‘(i) shall pass through to industrial retail ratepayers their ratable share (based on deliveries to each ratepayer class) of the value of the emission allowances distributed to such company under this subsection, to reduce electricity cost impacts on such ratepayers; and

‘(ii) may do so based on the quantity of electricity delivered to individual industrial retail ratepayers.

‘(E) GUIDELINES- As part of the regulations promulgated under subsection (g), the Administrator shall, after consultation with State regulatory authorities, prescribe guidelines for the implementation of the requirements of this paragraph. Such guidelines shall include requirements to ensure that industrial retail ratepayers (including entities that receive emission allowances under part F) receive their ratable share of the value of the allowances distributed to

each electricity local distribution company pursuant to this subsection.

‘(6) REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS-

‘(A) REQUIREMENT- No electricity local distribution company shall be eligible to receive emission allowances under this subsection or subsection (e) unless the State regulatory authority with authority over such company’s retail rates, or the entity with authority to regulate or set retail electricity rates of an electricity local distribution company not regulated by a State regulatory authority, has--

‘(i) after public notice and an opportunity for comment, promulgated a regulation or completed a rate proceeding (or the equivalent, in the case of a ratemaking entity other than a State regulatory authority) that provides for the full implementation of the requirements of paragraph (5) of this subsection and the requirements of subsection (e); and

‘(ii) made available to the Administrator and the public a report describing, in adequate detail, the manner in which the requirements of paragraph (5) and the requirements of subsection (e) will be implemented.

‘(B) UPDATING- The Administrator shall require, as a condition of continued receipt of emission allowances under this subsection by an electricity local distribution company, that a new regulation be promulgated or rate proceeding be completed , after public notice and an opportunity for comment, and a new report be made available to the Administrator and the public, pursuant to subparagraph (A), not less frequently than every 5 years.

‘(7) PLANS AND REPORTING-

‘(A) REGULATIONS- As part of the regulations promulgated under subsection (g), the Administrator shall prescribe requirements governing plans and reports to be submitted in accordance with this paragraph.

‘(B) PLANS- Not later than April 30 of 2011 and every 5 years thereafter through 2026, each electricity local distribution company shall submit to the Administrator a plan, approved by the State regulatory authority or other entity charged with regulating or setting the retail rates of such company, describing such company’s plans for the disposition of the value of emission allowances to be received pursuant to this subsection and subsection (e), in accordance with the requirements of this subsection and subsection (e). Such plan shall include a description of the manner in which the company will provide to industrial retail ratepayers (including entities that receive emission allowances under part F) their ratable share of the value of such allowances.

‘(C) REPORTS- Not later than June 30, 2013, and each calendar year thereafter through 2031, each electricity local distribution company shall submit a report to the Administrator, and to the relevant State regulatory authority or other entity charged with regulating or setting the retail electricity rates of such company, describing the disposition of the value of any emission allowances received by such company in the prior calendar year pursuant to this subsection and subsection (e), including--

‘(i) a description of sales, transfer, exchange, or use by the company for compliance with obligations under this title, of any such emission allowances;

‘(ii) the monetary value received by the company, whether in money or in some other form, from the sale,

transfer, or exchange of any such emission allowances;

‘(iii) the manner in which the company’s disposition of any such emission allowances complies with the requirements of this subsection and of subsection (e), including each of the requirements of paragraph (5) of this subsection, including the requirement that industrial retail ratepayers (including entities that receive emission allowances under part F) receive their ratable share of the value of such allowances; and

‘(iv) such other information as the Administrator may require pursuant to subparagraph (A).

‘(D) PUBLICATION- The Administrator shall make available to the public all plans and reports submitted under this subsection, including by publishing such plans and reports on the Internet.

‘(8) AUDITS- Each year, the Administrator shall audit a representative sample of electricity local distribution companies to ensure that emission allowances distributed under this subsection have been used exclusively for the benefit of retail ratepayers and that such companies are complying with the requirements of this subsection and of subsection (e), including the requirement that industrial retail ratepayers (including entities that receive emission allowances under part F) receive their ratable share of the value of such allowances. In selecting companies for audit, the Administrator shall take into account any credible evidence of noncompliance with such requirements. The Administrator shall make available to the public a report describing the results of each such audit, including by publishing such report on the Internet.

‘(9) ENFORCEMENT- A violation of any requirement of this subsection or of subsection (e) shall be a violation of this Act. Each emission allowance the value of which is used in violation

of the requirements of this subsection or of subsection (e) shall be a separate violation.

‘(c) Merchant Coal Units-

‘(1) QUALIFYING EMISSIONS- The qualifying emissions for a merchant coal unit for a given calendar year shall be the product of the number of megawatt hours of merchant coal unit sales generated by such unit in such calendar year and the average carbon dioxide emissions per megawatt hour generated by such unit during the base period under paragraph (2), provided that the number of megawatt hours in a given calendar year for purposes of such calculation shall be reduced in proportion to the portion of such unit’s carbon dioxide emissions that are either--

‘(A) captured and sequestered in such calendar year; or

‘(B) attributable to the combustion or gasification of biomass, to the extent that the owner or operator of the unit is not required to hold emission allowances for such emissions.

‘(2) BASE PERIOD- For purposes of this subsection, the base period for a merchant coal unit shall be--

‘(A) calendar years 2006 through 2008; or

‘(B) in the case of a new merchant coal unit--

‘(i) the first full calendar year of operation of such unit, if such unit commences operation before January 1, 2012;

‘(ii) calendar year 2012, if such unit commences operation on or after January 1, 2012, and before October 1, 2012; or

‘(iii) calendar year 2013, if such unit commences operation on or after October 1, 2012, and before January 1, 2013.

‘(3) PHASE-DOWN SCHEDULE- The Administrator shall identify an annual phase-down factor, applicable to distributions to merchant coal units for each of vintage years 2012 through 2029, that corresponds to the overall decline in the amount of emission allowances allocated to the electricity sector in such years pursuant to section 782(a)(1). Such factor shall--

‘(A) for vintage year 2012, be equal to 1.0;

‘(B) for each of vintage years 2013 through 2029, correspond to the quotient of--

‘(i) the quantity of emission allowances allocated under section 782(a)(1) for such vintage year; divided by

‘(ii) the quantity of emission allowances allocated under section 782(a)(1) for vintage year 2012.

‘(4) DISTRIBUTION OF EMISSION ALLOWANCES- Not later than March 1 of 2013 and each calendar year through 2030, the Administrator shall distribute emission allowances of the preceding vintage year to the owner or operator of each merchant coal unit described in subsection (a)(6)(C) in an amount equal to the product of--

‘(A) 0.5;

‘(B) the qualifying emissions for such merchant coal unit for the preceding year, as determined under paragraph (1); and

‘(C) the phase-down factor for the preceding calendar year, as identified under paragraph (3).

‘(5) ADJUSTMENT-

‘(A) STUDY- Not later than July 1, 2014, the Administrator, in consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, shall complete a study to determine whether the allocation formula under paragraph (3) is resulting in, or is likely to result in, windfall profits to merchant coal generators or substantially disparate treatment of merchant coal generators operating in different markets or regions.

‘(B) REGULATION- If the Administrator, in consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, makes an affirmative finding of windfall profits or disparate treatment under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall, not later than 18 months after the completion of the study described in subparagraph (A), promulgate regulations providing for the adjustment of the allocation formula under paragraph (3) to mitigate, to the extent practicable, such windfall profits, if any, and such disparate treatment, if any.

‘(6) LIMITATION ON ALLOWANCES- Notwithstanding paragraph (4) or (5), for each vintage year the Administrator shall distribute under this subsection no more than 10 percent of the total quantity of emission allowances available for such vintage year for distribution to the electricity sector under section 782(a)(1). If the quantity of emission allowances that would otherwise be distributed pursuant to paragraph (4) or (5) for any vintage year would exceed such limit, the Administrator shall distribute 10 percent of the total emission allowances available for distribution under section 782(a)(1) for such vintage year ratably among merchant coal generators based on the applicable formula under paragraph (4) or (5).

‘(7) ELIGIBILITY- The owner or operator of a merchant coal

unit shall not be eligible to receive emission allowances under this subsection for any vintage year for which such owner or operator has elected to receive emission allowances for the same unit under subsection (d).

‘(d) Long-term Contract Generators-

‘(1) DISTRIBUTION- Not later than March 1, 2013, and each calendar year through 2030, the Administrator shall distribute to the owner or operator of each long-term contract generator a quantity of emission allowances of the preceding vintage year that is equal to the sum of--

‘(A) the number of tons of carbon dioxide emitted as a result of a qualifying electricity sales agreement referred to in subsection (a)(5)(B)(i); and

‘(B) the incremental number of tons of carbon dioxide emitted solely as a result of a qualifying thermal sales agreement referred to in subsection (a)(5)(B)(ii), provided that in no event shall the Administrator distribute more than 1 emission allowance for the same ton of emissions.

‘(2) LIMITATION ON ALLOWANCES- Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for each vintage year the Administrator shall distribute under this subsection no more than 4.3 percent of the total quantity of emission allowances available for such vintage year for distribution to the electricity sector under section 782(a)(1). If the quantity of emission allowances that would otherwise be distributed pursuant to paragraph (1) for any vintage year would exceed such limit, the Administrator shall distribute 4.3 percent of the total emission allowances available for distribution under section 782(a)(1) for such vintage year ratably among long-term contract generators based on paragraph (1).

‘(3) ELIGIBILITY-

‘(A) FACILITY ELIGIBILITY- The owner or operator of a facility shall cease to be eligible to receive emission allowances under this subsection upon the earliest date on which the facility no longer meets each and every element of the definition of a long-term contract generator under subsection (a)(5).

‘(B) CONTRACT ELIGIBILITY- The owner or operator of a facility shall cease to be eligible to receive emission allowances under this subsection based on an electricity or thermal sales agreement referred to in subsection (a)(5)(B) upon the earliest date that such agreement--

‘(i) expires;

‘(ii) is terminated; or

‘(iii) is amended in any way that changes the location of the facility, the price (whether a fixed price or price formula) for electricity or thermal energy sold under such agreement, the quantity of electricity or thermal energy sold under the agreement, or the expiration or termination date of the agreement.

‘(4) DEMONSTRATION OF ELIGIBILITY- To be eligible to receive allowance distributions under this subsection, the owner or operator of a long-term contract generator shall submit each of the following in writing to the Administrator within 180 days after the date of enactment of this title, and not later than September 30 of each vintage year for which such generator wishes to receive emission allowances:

‘(A) A certificate of representation described in section 700(15).

‘(B) An identification of each owner and each operator of the facility.

‘(C) An identification of the units at the facility and the location of the facility.

‘(D) A written certification by the designated representative that the facility meets all the requirements of the definition of a long-term contract generator.

‘(E) The expiration date of each qualifying electricity or thermal sales agreement referred to in subsection (a)(5)(B).

‘(F) A copy of each qualifying electricity or thermal sales agreement referred to in subsection (a)(5)(B).

‘(5) NOTIFICATION- Not later than 30 days after, in accordance with paragraph (3), a facility or an agreement ceases to meet the eligibility requirements for distribution of emission allowances pursuant to this subsection, the designated representative of such facility shall notify the Administrator in writing when, and on what basis, such facility or agreement ceased to meet such requirements.

‘(e) Small LDCs-

‘(1) DISTRIBUTION- Not later than September 30 of each calendar year from 2011 through 2028, the Administrator shall, in accordance with this subsection, distribute emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(a)(2) for the following vintage year. Such allowances shall be distributed ratably among small LDCs based on historic emissions in accordance with the same measure of such emissions applied to each such small LDC for the relevant vintage year under subsection (b)(2) of this section.

‘(2) USES- A small LDC receiving allowances under this section shall use such allowances exclusively for the following purposes:

‘(A) Cost-effective programs to achieve electricity savings, provided that such savings shall not be transferred or used for compliance with section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

‘(B) Deployment of technologies to generate electricity from renewable energy resources, provided that any Federal renewable electricity credits issued based on generation supported under this section shall be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for voluntary retirement and shall not be used for compliance with section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

‘(C) Assistance programs to reduce electricity costs for low-income residential ratepayers of such small LDC, provided that such assistance is made available equitably to all residential ratepayers below a certain income level, which shall not be higher than 200 percent of the poverty line (as that term is defined in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2))).

‘(3) REQUIREMENTS- As part of the regulations promulgated under subsection (g), the Administrator shall prescribe--

‘(A) after consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, requirements to ensure that programs and projects under paragraph (2)(A) and (B) are consistent with the standards established by, and effectively supplement electricity savings and generation of electricity from renewable energy resources achieved by, the Combined Efficiency and Renewable Electricity Standard established under section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978;

‘(B) eligibility criteria and guidelines for consumer assistance programs for low-income residential ratepayers

under paragraph (2)(C); and

‘(C) such other requirements as the Administrator determines appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

‘(4) REPORTING- Reports submitted under subsection (b)(7) shall include, in accordance with such requirements as the Administrator may prescribe--

‘(A) a description of any facilities deployed under paragraph (2)(A), the quantity of resulting electricity generation from renewable energy resources;

‘(B) an assessment demonstrating the cost-effectiveness of, and electricity savings achieved by, programs supported under paragraph (2)(B); and

‘(C) a description of assistance provided to low-income retail ratepayers under paragraph (2)(C).

‘(f) Certain Cogeneration Facilities-

‘(1) ELIGIBLE COGENERATION FACILITIES- For purposes of this subsection, an ‘eligible cogeneration facility’ is a facility that--

‘(A) is a qualifying co-generation facility (as that term is defined in section 3(18)(B) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796(18)(B));

‘(B) derives 80 percent or more of its heat input from coal, petroleum coke, or any combination of these 2 fuels;

‘(C) has a nameplate capacity of 100 megawatts or greater;

‘(D) was in operation as of January 1, 2009, and remains in operation as of the date of any distribution of emission

allowances under this subsection;

‘(E) in calendar years 2006 through 2008 sold, and as of the date of any distribution of emission allowances under this section sells, steam or electricity directly and solely to multiple, separately-owned industrial or commercial facilities co-located at the same site with the cogeneration facility; and

‘(F) is not eligible to receive allowances under any other subsection of this section or under part F of this title.

‘(2) DISTRIBUTION- The Administrator shall distribute the emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(a)(3) to owners or operators of eligible cogeneration facilities ratably based on the carbon dioxide emissions of each such facility in calendar years 2006 through 2008. The Administrator--

‘(A) shall not, in any year, distribute emission allowances under this subsection to the owner or operator of any eligible cogeneration facility in excess of the amount necessary to offset such facility’s cost of compliance with the requirements of this title in that year; and

‘(B) may distribute such allowances over a period of years if annual distributions under this subsection would otherwise exceed the limitation in subparagraph (A), provided that in no event shall distributions be made under this subsection after calendar year 2025.

‘(3) REQUIREMENTS- The Administrator shall, by regulation, establish requirements to ensure that the value of any emission allowances distributed pursuant to this subsection are passed through, on an equitable basis, to the facilities to which the relevant cogeneration facility provides electricity or steam deliveries, including any facility owned or operated by the owner or operator of the cogeneration facility.

‘(g) Regulations- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, shall promulgate regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

‘SEC. 784. NATURAL GAS CONSUMERS.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) COST-EFFECTIVE- The term ‘cost-effective’, with respect to an energy efficiency program, means that the program meets the Total Resource Cost Test, which requires that the net present value of economic benefits over the life of the program, including avoided supply and delivery costs and deferred or avoided investments, is greater than the net present value of the economic costs over the life of the program, including program costs and incremental costs borne by the energy consumer.

‘(2) NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY- The term ‘natural gas local distribution company’ means a natural gas local distribution company that is a covered entity.

‘(3) NON-COVERED ENTITY- The term ‘non-covered entity’ means, when used in reference to a date or period prior to the enactment of this title, an entity that would not have been a covered entity if this title had been in effect during such date or period.

‘(4) STATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY- The term ‘State regulatory authority’ has the meaning given the term ‘State commission’ in section 2(8) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717a(8)).

‘(b) Distribution- Not later than June 30 of 2015 and each calendar year thereafter through 2028, the Administrator shall distribute to

natural gas local distribution companies for the benefit of retail ratepayers the quantity of emission allowances allocated for the following vintage year pursuant to section 782(b). Such allowances shall be distributed among local natural gas distribution companies based on the following formula:

‘(1) INITIAL FORMULA- Except as provided in paragraph (2), for each vintage year, the Administrator shall distribute emission allowances among natural gas local distribution companies ratably based on each such company’s annual average retail natural gas deliveries for 2006 through 2008 to customers that were non-covered entities, unless the owner or operator of the company selects 3 other consecutive years between 1999 and 2008, inclusive, and timely notifies the Administrator of its selection.

‘(2) UPDATING- Prior to distributing 2019 vintage year emission allowances and at 3-year intervals thereafter, the Administrator shall update the distribution formula under this subsection to reflect changes in each natural gas local distribution company’s service territory since the most recent formula was established. For each successive 3-year period, the Administrator shall distribute allowances ratably among natural gas local distribution companies based on the product of--

‘(A) each natural gas local distribution company’s average annual natural gas deliveries per customer to customers that were non-covered entities during calendar years 2006 through 2008, or during the 3 alternative consecutive years selected by such company under paragraph (1); and

‘(B) the number of customers of such natural gas local distribution company that are not covered entities in the most recent year in which the formula is updated under this paragraph.

‘(c) Use of Allowances-

‘(1) RATEPAYER BENEFIT- Emission allowances distributed to a natural gas local distribution company under this section shall be used exclusively for the benefit of retail ratepayers of such natural gas local distribution company other than covered entities and may not be used to support natural gas sales or deliveries to entities or persons other than such ratepayers.

‘(2) RATEPAYER CLASSES- In using emission allowances distributed under this section for the benefit of ratepayers, a natural gas local distribution company shall ensure that ratepayer benefits are distributed--

‘(A) among ratepayer classes ratably based on natural gas deliveries to each class, excluding deliveries to covered entities; and

‘(B) equitably among individual ratepayers other than covered entities within each ratepayer class.

‘(3) LIMITATION- In general, a natural gas local distribution company shall not use the value of emission allowances distributed under this section to provide to any ratepayer a rebate that is based solely on the quantity of natural gas delivered to such ratepayer. To the extent a natural gas local distribution company uses the value of emission allowances distributed under this section to provide rebates, it shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide such rebates with regard to the fixed portion of ratepayers’ bills or as a fixed creditor rebate on natural gas bills.

‘(4) INDUSTRIAL RATEPAYERS- Notwithstanding paragraph (3), if compliance with the requirements of this title results (or would otherwise result) in an increase in natural gas costs for industrial retail ratepayers of any given natural gas local distribution company that are not covered entities (including entities that receive emission allowances pursuant to part F), such natural gas local distribution company--

‘(A) shall pass through to industrial retail ratepayers that are not covered entities their ratable share (based on deliveries to each ratepayer class) of the value of the emission allowances distributed to such company under this subsection, to reduce natural gas cost impacts on such ratepayers; and

‘(B) may do so based on the quantity of natural gas delivered to individual industrial retail ratepayers.

‘(5) ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS- The value of no less than one third of the emission allowances distributed to natural gas local distribution companies pursuant to this section in any calendar year shall be used for cost-effective energy efficiency programs for natural gas consumers. Such programs must be authorized and overseen by the State regulatory authority, or by the entity with authority to regulate or set retail natural gas rates in the case of a natural gas local distribution company that is not regulated by a State regulatory authority.

‘(6) CERTAIN INTRACOMPANY DELIVERIES- If a natural gas local distribution company makes an intracompany delivery of natural gas to a customer that is not a covered entity, for which such company is required to hold emission allowances under section 722, such customer shall, for purposes of this section, be considered a retail ratepayer and a member of a ratepayer class to be determined by the relevant State regulatory authority, or other entity with authority to regulate or set natural gas rates in the case of a company not regulated by a State regulatory authority.

‘(7) GUIDELINES- As part of the regulations promulgated under subsection (h), the Administrator shall, after consultation with State regulatory authorities, prescribe guidelines for the implementation of the requirements of this subsection. Such guidelines shall include requirements to ensure that industrial

retail ratepayers that are not covered entities (including entities that receive emission allowances under part F) receive their ratable share of the value of the allowances distributed to each natural gas local distribution company pursuant to this section.

‘(d) Regulatory Proceedings-

‘(1) REQUIREMENT- No natural gas local distribution company shall be eligible to receive emission allowances under this section unless the State regulatory authority with authority over the retail rates of such company, or the entity with authority to regulate or set retail rates of a natural gas local distribution company not regulated by a State regulatory authority, has--

‘(A) after public notice and an opportunity for comment, promulgated a regulation or completed a public rate proceeding (or the equivalent, in the case of a ratemaking entity other than a State regulatory authority) that provides for the full implementation of the requirements of subsection (c); and

‘(B) made available to the Administrator and the public a report describing, in adequate detail, the manner in which the requirements of subsection (c) will be implemented.

‘(2) UPDATING- The Administrator shall require, as a condition of continued receipt of emission allowances under this section, that a new regulation be promulgated or rate proceeding be completed, after public notice and an opportunity for comment, and a new report be made available to the Administrator and the public, pursuant to paragraph (1), not less frequently than every 5 years.

‘(e) Plans and Reporting-

‘(1) REGULATIONS- As part of the regulations promulgated

under subsection (h), the Administrator shall prescribe requirements governing plans and reports to be submitted in accordance with this subsection.

‘(2) PLANS- Not later than April 30, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter through 2025, each natural gas local distribution company shall submit to the Administrator a plan, approved by the State regulatory authority or other entity charged with regulating or setting the retail rates of such company, describing such company’s plans for the disposition of the value of emission allowances to be received pursuant to this section, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

‘(3) REPORTS- Not later than June 30, 2017, and each calendar year thereafter through 2031, each natural gas local distribution company shall submit a report to the Administrator, approved by the relevant State regulatory authority or other entity charged with regulating or setting the retail natural gas rates of such company, describing the disposition of the value of any emission allowances received by such company in the prior calendar year pursuant to this section, including--

‘(A) a description of sales, transfer, exchange, or use by the company for compliance with obligations under this title, of any such emission allowances;

‘(B) the monetary value received by the company, whether in money or in some other form, from the sale, transfer, or exchange of emission allowances received by the company under this section;

‘(C) the manner in which the company’s disposition of emission allowances received under this section complies with the requirements of this section, including each of the requirements of subsection (c);

‘(D) the cost-effectiveness of, and energy savings achieved

by, energy efficiency programs supported through such emission allowances; and

‘(E) such other information as the Administrator may require pursuant to paragraph (1).

‘(4) PUBLICATION- The Administrator shall make available to the public all plans and reports submitted by natural gas local distribution companies under this subsection, including by publishing such plans and reports on the Internet.

‘(f) Audits- Each year, the Administrator shall audit a representative sample of natural gas local distribution companies to ensure that emission allowances distributed under this section have been used exclusively for the benefit of retail ratepayers and that such companies are complying with the requirements of this section. In selecting companies for audit, the Administrator shall take into account any credible evidence of noncompliance with such requirements. The Administrator shall make available to the public a report describing the results of each such audit, including by publishing such report on the Internet.

‘(g) Enforcement- A violation of any requirement of this section shall be a violation of this Act. Each emission allowance the value of which is used in violation of the requirements of this section shall be a separate violation.

‘(h) Regulations- Not later than January 1, 2014, the Administrator, in consultation with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, shall promulgate regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

‘SEC. 785. HOME HEATING OIL, PROPANE, AND KEROSENE CONSUMERS.

‘(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

‘(1) CARBON CONTENT- The term ‘carbon content’ means the amount of carbon dioxide that would be emitted as a result of the combustion of a fuel.

‘(2) COST-EFFECTIVE- The term ‘cost-effective’ has the meaning given that term in section 784(a)(1).

‘(3) OILHEAT FUEL- The term ‘oilheat fuel’ means fuel that--

‘(A) is--

‘(i) No. 1 distillate;

‘(ii) No. 2 dyed distillate;

‘(iii) a liquid blended with No. 1 distillate or No. 2 dyed distillate; or

‘(iv) a biobased liquid; and

‘(B) is used as a fuel for nonindustrial commercial or residential space or hot water heating.

‘(b) Distribution Among States- Not later than September 30 of each of calendar years 2011 through 2028, the Administrator shall distribute among the States, in accordance with this section, the quantity of emission allowances allocated for the following vintage year pursuant to section 782(c). The Administrator shall distribute emission allowances among the States under this section each year ratably based on the ratio of--

‘(1) the carbon content of oilheat fuel, propane, and kerosene sold to consumers within each State in the preceding year for residential or commercial uses; to

‘(2) the carbon content of oilheat fuel, propane, and kerosene sold to consumers within the United States in the preceding year for residential or commercial uses.

‘(c) Use of Allowances-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- States shall use emission allowances distributed under this section exclusively for the benefit of consumers of oilheat fuel, propane, or kerosene for residential or commercial purposes. Such proceeds shall be used exclusively for--

‘(A) cost-effective energy efficiency programs for consumers that use oilheat fuel, propane, or kerosene for residential or commercial purposes; or

‘(B) rebates or other direct financial assistance programs for consumers of oilheat fuel, propane, or kerosene used for residential or commercial purposes.

‘(2) ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY MECHANISMS- In administering programs supported by this section, States shall--

‘(A) use no less than 50 percent of the value of emission allowances received under this section for cost-effective energy efficiency programs to reduce consumers’ overall fuel costs;

‘(B) to the extent practicable, deliver consumer support under this section through existing energy efficiency and consumer energy assistance programs or delivery mechanisms, including, where appropriate, programs or mechanisms administered by parties other than the State; and

‘(C) seek to coordinate the administration and delivery of energy efficiency and consumer energy assistance programs supported under this section, with one another and with existing programs for various fuel types, so as to deliver comprehensive, fuel-blind, coordinated programs to

consumers.

‘(d) Reporting- Each State receiving emission allowances under this section shall submit to the Administrator, within 12 months of each receipt of such allowances, a report, in accordance with such requirements as the Administrator may prescribe, that--

‘(1) describes the State’s use of emission allowances distributed under this section, including a description of the energy efficiency and consumer assistance programs supported with such allowances;

‘(2) demonstrates the cost-effectiveness of, and the energy savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions achieved by, energy efficiency programs supported under this section; and

‘(3) includes a report prepared by an independent third party, in accordance with such regulations as the Administrator may promulgate, evaluating the performance of the energy efficiency and consumer assistance programs supported under this section.

‘(e) Enforcement- If the Administrator determines that a State is not in compliance with this section, the Administrator may withhold a portion of the emission allowances, the quantity of which is equal to up to twice the quantity of the allowances that the State failed to use in accordance with the requirements of this section, that such State would otherwise be eligible to receive under this section in later years. Allowances withheld pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed among the remaining States ratably in accordance with the formula in subsection (b).

‘SEC. 787. ALLOCATIONS TO REFINERIES.

‘(a) Purpose- The purpose of this section is to provide emission allowance rebates to petroleum refineries in the United States in a

manner that promotes energy efficiency and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions at such facilities.

‘(b) Definitions- In this section:

‘(1) EMISSIONS- The term ‘emissions’ includes direct emissions from fuel combustion, process emissions, and indirect emissions from the generation of electricity, steam, and hydrogen used to produce the output of a petroleum refinery or the petroleum refinery sector.

‘(2) PETROLEUM REFINERY- The term ‘petroleum refinery’ means a facility classified under code 324110 of the North American Industrial Classification System of 2002.

‘(3) SMALL BUSINESS REFINER- The term ‘small business refiner’ means a refiner that meets the applicable Federal refinery capacity and employee limitations criteria described in section 45H(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as in effect on the date of enactment of this section and without regard to section 45H(d)). Eligibility of a small business refiner under this paragraph shall not be recalculated or disallowed on account of (i) its merger with another small business refiner or refiners after December 31, 2002 or (ii) its acquisition of another small business refiner (or refinery of such refiner) after December 31, 2002.

‘(c) In General- For each vintage year between 2014 and 2026, the Administrator shall distribute allowances pursuant to this section to owners and operators of petroleum refineries, including small business refiners, in the United States.

‘(d) Distribution Schedule- The Administrator shall distribute emission allowances pursuant to the regulations issued under subsection (e) for each vintage year no later than October 31 of the preceding calendar year.

‘(e) Regulations- Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, shall promulgate regulations that establish a formula for distributing emission allowances consistent with the purpose of this section. In establishing such formula, the Administrator shall consider the relative complexity of refinery processes and appropriate mechanisms to take energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reductions into account. If a petroleum refinery’s electricity provider received a free allocation of emission allowances pursuant to section 782(a), the Administrator shall take this free allocation into account when establishing such formula to avoid rebates to a petroleum refinery for costs that the Administrator determines were not incurred by the petroleum refinery because the allowances were freely allocated to the petroleum refinery’s electricity provider and used for the benefit of the petroleum refinery. This formula shall apply separately to the distribution of allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(j)(1) and to those allocated under section 782(j)(2).

‘SEC. 788. SUPPLEMENTAL AGRICULTURE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES PROGRAMS.

‘(a) In General- Emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(u) shall be distributed by the Administrator at the direction of the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with this section. Not less than 50 percent of the allowances shall be available for the program established pursuant to subsection (b).

‘(b) Agriculture Incentives Program-

‘(1) ESTABLISHMENT- The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish by rule a program to provide incentives in the form of emission allowances for activities undertaken in the agriculture sector that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon. Under this program, the Secretary of Agriculture shall

provide incentives for projects and activities that--

‘(A) reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester greenhouse gases, but do not meet the criteria for offset credits established under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009;

‘(B) support actions to adapt to climate change; or

‘(C) prevent conversion of land that would increase greenhouse gas emissions (including projects and activities that complement or supplement conservation programs administered by the Secretary).

‘(2) CONSIDERATIONS- In designing this program, the Secretary shall ensure that it provides support for--

‘(A) development and demonstration of practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon in agricultural operations where there are limited recognized opportunities to achieve such emissions reductions or sequestration; and

‘(B) projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or increase sequestration of greenhouse gases and also achieve other significant environmental benefits, such as the improvement of water or air quality.

‘(3) RESEARCH- The Secretary shall establish by rule a program to conduct research to develop additional projects and activities for crops to find additional techniques and methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases that may or may not meet the criteria for offset credits established under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(4) USE OF INFORMATION- Information and data generated

by this program should, where relevant, be used to inform the development of additional offset practices and methodologies.

‘(c) Renewable Energy Incentives Program- The Secretary of Energy and the Administrator shall establish by rule a program to provide allowances to State and local governments to support the deployment of renewable energy infrastructure.

‘SEC. 789. CLIMATE CHANGE CONSUMER REFUNDS.

‘(a) Refund- In each year after deposits are made to the Climate Change Consumer Refund Account, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide tax refunds on a per capita basis to each household in the United States that shall collectively equal the amount deposited into the Climate Change Consumer Refund Account.

‘(b) Limitations- The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish procedures to ensure that individuals who are not--

‘(1) citizens or nationals of the United States; or

‘(2) immigrants lawfully residing in the United States,

are excluded for the purpose of calculating and distributing refunds under this section.

‘SEC. 790. EXCHANGE FOR STATE-ISSUED ALLOWANCES.

‘(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall issue regulations allowing any person in the United States to exchange greenhouse gas emission allowances issued before December 31, 2011, by the State of California or for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or the Western Climate Initiative (in this section referred to as ‘State

allowances’) for emission allowances established by the Administrator under section 721(a).

‘(b) Regulations- Regulations issued under subsection (a) shall--

‘(1) provide that a person exchanging State allowances under this section receive emission allowances established under section 721(a) in the amount that is sufficient to compensate for the cost of obtaining and holding such State allowances;

‘(2) establish a deadline by which persons must exchange the State allowances;

‘(3) provide that the Federal emission allowances disbursed pursuant to this section shall be deducted from the allowances to be auctioned pursuant to section 782(d); and

‘(4) require that, once exchanged, the credit or other instrument be retired for purposes of use under the program by or for which it was originally issued.

‘(c) Cost of Obtaining State Allowance- For purposes of this section, the cost of obtaining a State allowance shall be the average auction price, for emission allowances issued in the year in which the State allowance was issued, under the program under which the State allowance was issued.

‘SEC. 791. AUCTION PROCEDURES.

‘(a) In General- To the extent that auctions of emission allowances by the Administrator are authorized by this part, such auctions shall be carried out pursuant to this section and the regulations established hereunder.

‘(b) Initial Regulations- Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator, in consultation with other agencies, as appropriate, shall promulgate regulations governing the

auction of allowances under this section. Such regulations shall include the following requirements:

‘(1) FREQUENCY; FIRST AUCTION- Auctions shall be held four times per year at regular intervals, with the first auction to be held no later than March 31, 2011.

‘(2) AUCTION SCHEDULE; CURRENT AND FUTURE VINTAGES- The Administrator shall, at each quarterly auction under this section, offer for sale both a portion of the allowances with the same vintage year as the year in which the auction is being conducted and a portion of the allowances with vintage years from future years. The preceding sentence shall not apply to auctions held before 2012, during which period, by necessity, the Administrator shall auction only allowances with a vintage year that is later than the year in which the auction is held. Beginning with the first auction and at each quarterly auction held thereafter, the Administrator may offer for sale allowances with vintage years of up to 4 years after the year in which the auction is being conducted, except as provided in section 782(p).

‘(3) AUCTION FORMAT- Auctions shall follow a single-round, sealed-bid, uniform price format.

‘(4) PARTICIPATION; FINANCIAL ASSURANCE- Auctions shall be open to any person, except that the Administrator may establish financial assurance requirements to ensure that auction participants can and will perform on their bids.

‘(5) DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP- Each bidder in the auction shall be required to disclose the person or entity sponsoring or benefitting from the bidder’s participation in the auction if such person or entity is, in whole or in part, other than the bidder.

‘(6) PURCHASE LIMITS- No person may, directly or in

concert with another participant, purchase more than 5 percent of the allowances offered for sale at any quarterly auction.

‘(7) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION- After the auction, the Administrator shall, in a timely fashion, publish the identities of winning bidders, the quantity of allowances obtained by each winning bidder, and the auction clearing price.

‘(8) OTHER REQUIREMENTS- The Administrator may include in the regulations such other requirements or provisions as the Administrator, in consultation with other agencies, as appropriate, considers appropriate to promote effective, efficient, transparent, and fair administration of auctions under this section.

‘(c) Revision of Regulations- The Administrator may, in consultation with other agencies, as appropriate, at any time, revise the initial regulations promulgated under subsection (b) by promulgating new regulations. Such revised regulations need not meet the requirements identified in subsection (b) if the Administrator determines that an alternative auction design would be more effective, taking into account factors including costs of administration, transparency, fairness, and risks of collusion or manipulation. In determining whether and how to revise the initial regulations under this subsection, the Administrator shall not consider maximization of revenues to the Federal Government.

‘(d) Reserve Auction Price- The minimum reserve auction price shall be \$10 (in constant 2009 dollars) for auctions occurring in 2012. The minimum reserve price for auctions occurring in years after 2012 shall be the minimum reserve auction price for the previous year increased by 5 percent plus the rate of inflation (as measured by the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers).

‘(e) Delegation or Contract- Pursuant to regulations under this section, the Administrator may by delegation or contract provide for the conduct of auctions under the Administrator’s supervision by

other departments or agencies of the Federal Government or by nongovernmental agencies, groups, or organizations.

‘(f) Small Business Refiner Reserve- The Administrator shall, in accordance with this subsection, issue regulations setting aside a specified number of allowances that small business refiners may purchase at the average auction price and may use to demonstrate compliance pursuant to section 722. These regulations shall provide the following:

‘(1) AMOUNT- The Administrator shall place in the small business refiner reserve account allowances that are to be sold at auction pursuant to the allocations in section 782 in an amount equal to--

‘(A) 6.2 percent of the emission allowances established under section 721(a) for each vintage year from 2012 through 2013;

‘(B) 5.4 percent of the emission allowances established under section 721(a) for each vintage year from 2014 through 2015; and

‘(C) 4.9 percent of the emission allowances established under section 721(a) for each vintage year from 2016 through 2024.

‘(2) ALLOWED PURCHASES- From January 1 of the calendar year that matches the vintage year for which allowances have been placed in the reserve, through January 14 of the following year, small business refiners (as defined in section 787(b)) may purchase allowances from this reserve at the price determined pursuant to paragraph (3).

‘(3) PRICE- The price for allowances purchased from this reserve shall be the average auction price for allowances of the same vintage year purchased at auctions conducted pursuant to

this section during the 12 months preceding the purchase of the allowances.

‘(4) **USE OF ALLOWANCES**- Allowances purchased from this reserve shall only be used by the purchaser to demonstrate compliance pursuant to section 722 for attributable greenhouse gas emissions in the calendar year that matches the vintage year of the purchased allowance. Allowances purchased from this reserve may not be banked, traded or borrowed.

‘(5) **LIMITATIONS ON PURCHASE AMOUNT**- The Administrator, by regulation adopted after public notice and an opportunity for comment, shall establish procedures to distribute the ability to purchase allowances from the reserve fairly among all small business refiners interested in purchasing allowances from this reserve so as to address the potential that requests to purchase allowances exceed the number of allowances available in the reserve. This regulation may place limits on the number of allowances a small business refiner may purchase from the reserve.

‘(6) **UNSOLD ALLOWANCES**- Vintage year allowances not sold from the reserve on or before January 15 of the calendar year following the vintage year shall be sold at an auction conducted pursuant to this section no later than March 31 of the calendar year following the vintage year. If significantly more allowances are being placed in the reserve than are being purchased from the reserve several years in a row, the Administrator may adjust either the percent of allowances placed in the reserve or the date by which allowances may be purchased from the reserve.

‘SEC. 792. AUCTIONING ALLOWANCES FOR OTHER ENTITIES.

‘(a) **Consignment**- Any entity holding emission allowances or

compensatory allowances may request that the Administrator auction, pursuant to section 791, the allowances on consignment.

‘(b) Pricing- When the Administrator acts under this section as the agent of an entity in possession of emission allowances or compensatory allowances, the Administrator is not obligated to obtain the highest price possible for the allowances, and instead shall auction consignment allowances in the same manner and pursuant to the same rules as auctions of other allowances under section 791. The Administrator may permit the entity offering the allowance for sale to condition the sale of its allowances pursuant to this section on a minimum reserve price that is different than the reserve auction price set pursuant to section 791(d).

‘(c) Proceeds- For emission allowances and compensatory allowances auctioned pursuant to this section, notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law, within 90 days of receipt, the United States shall transfer the proceeds from the auction to the entity which held the allowances auctioned. No funds transferred from a purchaser to a seller of emission allowances or compensatory allowances under this subsection shall be held by any officer or employee of the United States or treated for any purpose as public monies.

‘(d) Unsold Allowances- Allowances offered for sale under this section that are not sold shall be returned to the entity in possession of the allowance, notwithstanding section 726(b)(2)(A).

‘(e) Regulations- The Administrator shall issue regulations within 24 months after the date of enactment of this title to implement this section.

‘SEC. 793. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS.

‘There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States the following separate accounts:

‘(1) The Strategic Reserve Fund.

‘(2) The Climate Change Consumer Refund Account.

‘(3) The Climate Change Worker Adjustment Assistance Fund.

‘SEC. 794. OVERSIGHT OF ALLOCATIONS.

‘(a) In General- Not later than January 1, 2014, and every 2 years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out and report to Congress on the results of a review of programs administered by the Federal Government that distribute emission allowances or funds from any Federal auction of allowances.

‘(b) Contents- Each such report shall include a comprehensive evaluation of the administration and effectiveness of each program, including--

‘(1) the efficiency, transparency, and soundness of the administration of each program;

‘(2) the performance of activities receiving assistance under each program;

‘(3) the cost-effectiveness of each program in achieving the stated purposes of the program; and

‘(4) recommendations, if any, for legislative, regulatory, or administrative changes to each program to improve its effectiveness.

‘(c) Focus- In evaluating program performance, each review under this section review shall address the effectiveness of such programs in--

‘(1) creating and preserving jobs;

‘(2) ensuring a manageable transition for working families and workers;

‘(3) reducing the emissions, or enhancing sequestration, of greenhouse gases;

‘(4) developing clean technologies; and

‘(5) building resilience to the impacts of climate change.

‘SEC. 795. EXCHANGE FOR EARLY ACTION OFFSET CREDITS.

‘(a) In General- Emission allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(t) shall be distributed by the Administrator in accordance with this section. Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall issue regulations allowing--

‘(1) any person in the United States to exchange instruments in the nature of offset credits issued before January 1, 2009, by a State or voluntary offset program with respect to which the Administrator has made an affirmative determination under section 740(a)(2), for emissions allowances established by the Administrator under section 721(a); and

‘(2) the Administrator to provide compensation in the form of emission allowances to entities that do not meet the criteria of paragraph (1) and meet the criteria of this paragraph for documented early reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions or greenhouse gases sequestered before January 1, 2009, from projects begun before January 1, 2009, where--

‘(A) the entity publicly stated greenhouse gas reduction goals and publicly reported against those goals;

‘(B) the entity demonstrated entity-wide net greenhouse gas reductions; and

‘(C) the entity demonstrates the actual projects undertaken to make reductions and documents the reductions (e.g., through documentation of engineering projects).

‘(b) Regulations- Regulations issued under subsection (a) shall--

‘(1) provide that a person exchanging credits under subsection (a)(1) receive emission allowances established under section 721(a) in an amount for which the monetary value is equivalent to the average monetary value of the credits during the period from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2009, as adjusted for inflation to reflect current dollar values at the time of the exchange;

‘(2) provide that a person receiving compensation for documented early action under subsection (a)(2) shall receive emission allowances established under section 721(a) in an amount that is approximately equivalent in value to the carbon dioxide equivalent per ton value received by entities in exchange for credits under paragraph (1) (as adjusted for inflation to reflect current dollar values at the time of the exchange), as determined by the Administrator;

‘(3) provide that only reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, achieved by activities in the United States between January 1, 2001, and January 1, 2009, may be compensated under this section, and only credits issued for such activities may be exchanged under this section;

‘(4) provide that only credits that have not been retired or otherwise used to meet a voluntary or mandatory commitment, and have not expired, may be exchanged under subsection (a)(1);

‘(5) require that, once exchanged, the credit be retired for purposes of use under the program by or for which it was

originally issued; and

‘(6) establish a deadline by which persons must exchange the credits or request compensation for early action under this section.

‘(c) Participation- Participation in an exchange of credits for allowances or compensation for early action authorized by this section shall not preclude any person from participation in an offset credit program established under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(d) Distribution- Of the emission allowances distributed under this section, a quantity equal to 0.75 percent of vintage year 2012 emission allowances established under section 721(a) shall be distributed pursuant to subsection (a)(1), and a quantity equal to 0.25 percent of vintage year 2012 emission allowances established under section 721(a) shall be distributed pursuant to subsection (a)(2).’.

Subtitle C--Additional Greenhouse Gas Standards

SEC. 331. GREENHOUSE GAS STANDARDS.

The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 and following), as amended by subtitles A and B of this title, is further amended by adding the following new title after title VII:

‘TITLE VIII--ADDITIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS STANDARDS

‘SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.

‘For purposes of this title, terms that are defined in title VII, except for the term ‘stationary source’, shall have the meaning given those terms in title VII.

‘PART A--STATIONARY SOURCE STANDARDS

‘SEC. 811. STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE.

‘(a) Uncapped Stationary Sources-

‘(1) INVENTORY OF SOURCE CATEGORIES- (A) Within 12 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall publish under section 111(b)(1)(A) an inventory of categories of stationary sources that consist of those categories that contain sources that individually had uncapped greenhouse gas emissions greater than 10,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent and that, in the aggregate, were responsible for emitting at least 20 percent annually of the uncapped greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(B) The Administrator shall include in the inventory under this paragraph each source category that is responsible for at least 10 percent of the uncapped methane emissions in 2005. Notwithstanding any other provision, the inventory required by this section shall not include sources of enteric fermentation. The list under this paragraph shall include industrial sources, the emissions from which, when added to the capped emissions from industrial sources, constitute at least 95 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions of the industrial sector.

‘(C) For purposes of this subsection, emissions shall be calculated using tons of carbon dioxide equivalents. In promulgating the inventory required by this paragraph and the schedule required under by paragraph (2)(C), the Administrator shall use the most current emissions data available at the time of promulgation, except as provided in subparagraph (B).

‘(D) Notwithstanding any other provisions, the Administrator

may list under 111(b) any source category identified in the inventory required by this subsection without making a finding that the source category causes or contributes significantly to, air pollution with may be reasonably anticipated to endanger public health or welfare.

‘(2) STANDARDS AND SCHEDULE- (A) For each category identified as provided in paragraph (1), the Administrator shall promulgate standards of performance under section 111 for the uncapped emissions of greenhouse gases from stationary sources in that category and shall promulgate corresponding regulations under section 111(d).

‘(B) The Administrator shall promulgate standards as required by this subsection for stationary sources in categories identified as provided in paragraph (1) as expeditiously as practicable, assuring that--

‘(i) standards for identified source categories that, combined, emitted 80 percent or more of the greenhouse gas emissions of the identified source categories shall be promulgated not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this title and shall include standards for natural gas extraction; and

‘(ii) for all other identified source categories--

‘(I) standards for not less than an additional 25 percent of the identified categories shall be promulgated not later than 5 years after the date of enactment of this title;

‘(II) standards for not less than an additional 25 percent of the identified categories shall be promulgated not later than 7 years after the date of enactment of this title; and

‘(III) standards for all the identified categories shall be promulgated not later than 10 years after the date of enactment of this title.

‘(C) Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this title and after notice and opportunity for comment, the Administrator shall publish a schedule establishing a date for the promulgation of standards for each category of sources identified pursuant to paragraph (1). The date for each category shall be consistent with the requirements of subparagraph (B). The determination of priorities for the promulgation of standards pursuant to this paragraph is not a rulemaking and shall not be subject to judicial review, except that failure to promulgate any standard pursuant to the schedule established by this paragraph shall be subject to review under section 304(a)(2).

‘(D) Notwithstanding section 307, no action of the Administrator listing a source category under paragraph (1) shall be a final agency action subject to judicial review, except that any such action may be reviewed under section 307 when the Administrator issues performance standards for such category.

‘(b) Capped Sources- No standard of performance shall be established under section 111 for capped greenhouse gas emissions from a capped source unless the Administrator determines that such standards are appropriate because of effects that do not include climate change effects. In promulgating a standard of performance under section 111 for the emission from capped sources of any air pollutant that is not a greenhouse gas, the Administrator shall treat the emission of any greenhouse gas by those entities as a nonair quality public health and environmental impact within the meaning of section 111(a)(1).

‘(c) Performance Standards- For purposes of setting a performance

standard for source categories identified pursuant to subsection (a)--

‘(1) The Administrator shall take into account the goal of reducing total United States greenhouse gas emissions as set forth in section 702.

‘(2) The Administrator may promulgate a design, equipment, work practice, or operational standard, or any combination thereof, under section 111 in lieu of a standard of performance under that section without regard to any determination of feasibility that would otherwise be required under section 111(h).

‘(3) Notwithstanding any other provision, in setting the level of each standard required by this section, the Administrator shall take into account projections of allowance prices, such that the marginal cost of compliance (expressed as dollars per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent reduced) imposed by the standard would not, in the judgement of the Administrator, be expected to exceed the Administrator’s projected allowance prices over the time period spanning from the date of initial compliance to the date that the next revisions of the standard would come into effect pursuant to the schedule under section 111(b)(1)(B).

‘(d) Definitions- In this section, the terms ‘uncapped greenhouse gas emissions’ and ‘uncapped methane emissions’ mean those greenhouse gas or methane emissions, respectively, to which section 722 would not have applied if the requirements of this title had been in effect for the same year as the emissions data upon which the list is based.

‘(e) Study of the Effects of Performance Standards-

‘(1) STUDY- The Administrator shall conduct a study of the impacts of performance standards required under this section, which shall evaluate the effect of such standards on the--

‘(A) costs of achieving compliance with the economy-wide reduction goals specified in section 702 and the reduction targets specified in section 703;

‘(B) available supply of offset credits; and

‘(C) ability to achieve the economy-wide reduction goals specified in section 702 and any other benefits of such standards.

‘(2) REPORT- The Administrator shall submit to the House Energy and Commerce Committee a report that describes the results of the study not later than 18 months after the publication of the standards required under subsection (a)(2) (B)(i).

‘PART C--EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS

‘SEC. 831. CRITERIA POLLUTANTS.

‘As of the date of the enactment of the Safe Climate Act, no greenhouse gas may be added to the list under section 108(a) on the basis of its effect on global climate change.

‘SEC. 832. INTERNATIONAL AIR POLLUTION.

‘Section 115 shall not apply to an air pollutant with respect to that pollutant’s contribution to global warming.

‘SEC. 833. HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS.

‘No greenhouse gas may be added to the list of hazardous air pollutants under section 112 unless such greenhouse gas meets the listing criteria of section 112(b) independent of its effects on global

climate change.

‘SEC. 834. NEW SOURCE REVIEW.

‘The provisions of part C of title I shall not apply to a major emitting facility that is initially permitted or modified after January 1, 2009, on the basis of its emissions of any greenhouse gas.

‘SEC. 835. TITLE V PERMITS.

‘Notwithstanding any provision of title III or V, no stationary source shall be required to apply for, or operate pursuant to, a permit under title V, solely because the source emits any greenhouse gases that are regulated solely because of their effect on global climate change.’.

SEC. 332. HFC REGULATION.

(a) In General- Title VI of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671 et seq.) (relating to stratospheric ozone protection) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘SEC. 619. HYDROFLUOROCARBONS (HFCS).

‘(a) Treatment as Class II, Group II Substances- Except as otherwise provided in this section, hydrofluorocarbons shall be treated as class II substances for purposes of applying the provisions of this title. The Administrator shall establish two groups of class II substances. Class II, group I substances shall include all hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) listed pursuant to section 602(b). Class II, group II substances shall include each of the following:

‘(1) Hydrofluorocarbon-23 (HFC-23).

‘(2) Hydrofluorocarbon-32 (HFC-32).

- ‘(3) Hydrofluorocarbon-41 (HFC-41).
- ‘(4) Hydrofluorocarbon-125 (HFC-125).
- ‘(5) Hydrofluorocarbon-134 (HFC-134).
- ‘(6) Hydrofluorocarbon-134a (HFC-134a).
- ‘(7) Hydrofluorocarbon-143 (HFC-143).
- ‘(8) Hydrofluorocarbon-143a (HFC-143a).
- ‘(9) Hydrofluorocarbon-152 (HFC-152).
- ‘(10) Hydrofluorocarbon-152a (HFC-152a).
- ‘(11) Hydrofluorocarbon-227ea (HFC-227ea).
- ‘(12) Hydrofluorocarbon-236cb (HFC-236cb).
- ‘(13) Hydrofluorocarbon-236ea (HFC-236ea).
- ‘(14) Hydrofluorocarbon-236fa (HFC-236fa).
- ‘(15) Hydrofluorocarbon-245ca (HFC-245ca).
- ‘(16) Hydrofluorocarbon-245fa (HFC-245fa).
- ‘(17) Hydrofluorocarbon-365mfc (HFC-365mfc).
- ‘(18) Hydrofluorocarbon-43-10mee (HFC-43-10mee).
- ‘(19) Hydrofluoroolefin-1234yf (HFO-1234yf).
- ‘(20) Hydrofluoroolefin-1234ze (HFO-1234ze).

Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall publish an initial list of class II, group II substances, which shall include the substances listed in this

subsection. The Administrator may add to the list of class II, group II substances any other substance used as a substitute for a class I or II substance if the Administrator determines that 1 metric ton of the substance makes the same or greater contribution to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of carbon dioxide. Within 24 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall amend the regulations under this title (including the regulations referred to in sections 603, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, and 613) to apply to class II, group II substances.

‘(b) Consumption and Production of Class II, Group II Substances-

‘(1) IN GENERAL-

‘(A) CONSUMPTION PHASE DOWN- In the case of class II, group II substances, in lieu of applying section 605 and the regulations thereunder, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations phasing down the consumption of class II, group II substances in the United States, and the importation of products containing any class II, group II substance, in accordance with this subsection within 18 months after the date of enactment of this section. Effective January 1, 2012, it shall be unlawful for any person to produce any class II, group II substance, import any class II, group II substance, or import any product containing any class II, group II substance without holding one consumption allowance or one destruction offset credit for each carbon dioxide equivalent ton of the class II, group II substance. Any person who exports a class II, group II substance for which a consumption allowance was retired may receive a refund of that allowance from the Administrator following the export.

‘(B) PRODUCTION- If the United States becomes a party or otherwise adheres to a multilateral agreement, including any amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances

That Deplete the Ozone Layer, that restricts the production of class II, group II substances, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations establishing a baseline for the production of class II, group II substances in the United States and phasing down the production of class II, group II substances in the United States, in accordance with such multilateral agreement and subject to the same exceptions and other provisions as are applicable to the phase down of consumption of class II, group II substances under this section (except that the Administrator shall not require a person who obtains production allowances from the Administrator to make payment for such allowances if the person is making payment for a corresponding quantity of consumption allowances of the same vintage year). Upon the effective date of such regulations, it shall be unlawful for any person to produce any class II, group II substance without holding one consumption allowance and one production allowance, or one destruction offset credit, for each carbon dioxide equivalent ton of the class II, group II substance.

‘(C) INTEGRITY OF CAP- To maintain the integrity of the class II, group II cap, the Administrator may, through rulemaking, limit the percentage of each person’s compliance obligation that may be met through the use of destruction offset credits or banked allowances.

‘(D) COUNTING OF VIOLATIONS- Each consumption allowance, production allowance, or destruction offset credit not held as required by this section shall be a separate violation of this section.

‘(2) SCHEDULE- Pursuant to the regulations promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1)(A), the number of class II, group II consumption allowances established by the Administrator for each calendar year beginning in 2012 shall be the following

percentage of the baseline, as established by the Administrator
pursuant to paragraph (3):

`Calendar Year Percent of Baseline

2012	90
2013	87.5
2014	85
2015	82.5
2016	80
2017	77.5
2018	75
2019	71
2020	67
2021	63
2022	59
2023	54
2024	50
2025	46
2026	42
2027	38
2028	34
2029	30
2030	25
2031	21

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‘(3) BASELINE- (A) Within 12 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to establish the baseline for purposes of paragraph (2). The baseline shall be the sum, expressed in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, of--

‘(i) the annual average consumption of all class II substances in calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006; plus

‘(ii) the annual average quantity of all class II substances contained in imported products in calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

‘(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if the Administrator determines that the baseline is higher than 370 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, then the Administrator shall establish the baseline at 370 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents.

‘(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if the Administrator determines that the baseline is lower than 280 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, then the Administrator shall establish the baseline at 280 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents.

‘(4) DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOWANCES-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Pursuant to the regulations promulgated under paragraph (1)(A), for each calendar year beginning in 2012, the Administrator shall sell consumption allowances in accordance with this paragraph.

‘(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF POOLS- The Administrator shall establish two allowance pools. Eighty percent of the consumption allowances available for a calendar year shall be placed in the producer-importer pool, and 20 percent of the consumption allowances available for a calendar year shall be placed in the secondary pool.

‘(C) PRODUCER-IMPORTER POOL-

‘(i) AUCTION- (I) For each calendar year, the Administrator shall offer for sale at auction the following percentage of the consumption allowances in the producer-importer pool:

 ‘Calendar Year Percent Available for Auction

2012	10	
2013	20	
2014	30	
2015	40	
2016	50	
2017	60	
2018	70	
2019	80	
2020 and thereafter		90

‘(II) Any person who produced or imported any class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006 may participate in the auction. No other persons may

participate in the auction unless permitted to do so pursuant to subclause (III).

‘(III) Not later than 3 years after the date of the initial auction and from time to time thereafter, the Administrator shall determine through rulemaking whether any persons who did not produce or import a class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006 will be permitted to participate in future auctions. The Administrator shall base this determination on the duration, consistency, and scale of such person’s purchases of consumption allowances in the secondary pool under subparagraph (D)(ii)(III), as well as economic or technical hardship and other factors deemed relevant by the Administrator.

‘(IV) The Administrator shall set a minimum bid per consumption allowance of the following:

‘(aa) For vintage year 2012, \$1.00.

‘(bb) For vintage year 2013, \$1.20.

‘(cc) For vintage year 2014, \$1.40.

‘(dd) For vintage year 2015, \$1.60.

‘(ee) For vintage year 2016, \$1.80.

‘(ff) For vintage year 2017, \$2.00.

‘(gg) For vintage year 2018 and thereafter, \$2.00 adjusted for inflation after vintage year 2017 based upon the producer price index as published by the Department of Commerce.

‘(ii) NON-AUCTION SALE- (I) For each calendar

year, as soon as practicable after auction, the Administrator shall offer for sale the remaining consumption allowances in the producer-importer pool at the following prices:

‘(aa) A fee of \$1.00 per vintage year 2012 allowance.

‘(bb) A fee of \$1.20 per vintage year 2013 allowance.

‘(cc) A fee of \$1.40 per vintage year 2014 allowance.

‘(dd) For each vintage year 2015 allowance, a fee equal to the average of \$1.10 and the auction clearing price for vintage year 2014 allowances.

‘(ee) For each vintage year 2016 allowance, a fee equal to the average of \$1.30 and the auction clearing price for vintage year 2015 allowances.

‘(ff) For each vintage year 2017 allowance, a fee equal to the average of \$1.40 and the auction clearing price for vintage year 2016 allowances.

‘(gg) For each allowance of vintage year 2018 and subsequent vintage years, a fee equal to the auction clearing price for that vintage year.

‘(II) The Administrator shall offer to sell the remaining consumption allowances in the producer-importer pool to producers of class II, group II substances and importers of class II, group II substances in proportion to their relative allocation share.

‘(III) Such allocation share for such sale shall be

determined by the Administrator using such producer's or importer's annual average data on class II substances from calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006, on a carbon dioxide equivalent basis, and--

‘(aa) shall be based on a producer's production, plus importation, plus acquisitions and purchases from persons who produced class II substances in the United States during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006, less exportation, less transfers and sales to persons who produced class II substances in the United States during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006; and

‘(bb) for an importer of class II substances that did not produce in the United States any class II substance during calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006, shall be based on the importer's importation less exportation.

For purposes of item (aa), the Administrator shall account for 100 percent of class II, group II substances and 60 percent of class II, group I substances. For purposes of item (bb), the Administrator shall account for 100 percent of class II, group II substances and 100 percent of class II, group I substances.

‘(IV) Any consumption allowances made available for nonauction sale to a specific producer or importer of class II, group II substances but not purchased by the specific producer or importer shall be made available for sale to any producer or importer of class II substances during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006. If demand for such consumption allowances exceeds supply of such consumption allowances, the Administrator shall develop and utilize criteria for the

sale of such consumption allowances that may include pro rata shares, historic production and importation, economic or technical hardship, or other factors deemed relevant by the Administrator. If the supply of such consumption allowances exceeds demand, the Administrator may offer such consumption allowances for sale in the secondary pool as set forth in subparagraph (D).

‘(D) SECONDARY POOL- (i) For each calendar year, as soon as practicable after the auction required in subparagraph (C), the Administrator shall offer for sale the consumption allowances in the secondary pool at the prices listed in subparagraph (C)(ii).

‘(ii) The Administrator shall accept applications for purchase of secondary pool consumption allowances from--

‘(I) importers of products containing class II, group II substances;

‘(II) persons who purchased any class II, group II substance directly from a producer or importer of class II, group II substances for use in a product containing a class II, group II substance, a manufacturing process, or a reclamation process;

‘(III) persons who did not produce or import a class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006, but who the Administrator determines have subsequently taken significant steps to produce or import a substantial quantity of any class II, group II substance; and

‘(IV) persons who produced or imported any class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006.

‘(iii) If the supply of consumption allowances in the secondary pool equals or exceeds the demand for consumption allowances in the secondary pool as presented in the applications for purchase, the Administrator shall sell the consumption allowances in the secondary pool to the applicants in the amounts requested in the applications for purchase. Any consumption allowances in the secondary pool not purchased in a calendar year may be rolled over and added to the quantity available in the secondary pool in the following year.

‘(iv) If the demand for consumption allowances in the secondary pool as presented in the applications for purchase exceeds the supply of consumption allowances in the secondary pool, the Administrator shall sell the consumption allowances as follows:

‘(I) The Administrator shall first sell the consumption allowances in the secondary pool to any importers of products containing class II, group II substances in the amounts requested in their applications for purchase. If the demand for such consumption allowances exceeds supply of such consumption allowances, the Administrator shall develop and utilize criteria for the sale of such consumption allowances among importers of products containing class II, group II substances that may include pro rata shares, historic importation, economic or technical hardship, or other factors deemed relevant by the Administrator.

‘(II) The Administrator shall next sell any remaining consumption allowances to persons identified in subclauses (II) and (III) of clause (ii) in the amounts requested in their applications for purchase. If the demand for such consumption allowances exceeds remaining supply of such consumption allowances, the

Administrator shall develop and utilize criteria for the sale of such consumption allowances among subclauses (II) and (III) applicants that may include pro rata shares, historic use, economic or technical hardship, or other factors deemed relevant by the Administrator.

‘(III) The Administrator shall then sell any remaining consumption allowances to persons who produced or imported any class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006 in the amounts requested in their applications for purchase. If demand for such consumption allowances exceeds remaining supply of such consumption allowances, the Administrator shall develop and utilize criteria for the sale of such consumption allowances that may include pro rata shares, historic production and importation, economic or technical hardship, or other factors deemed relevant by the Administrator.

‘(IV) Each person who purchases consumption allowances in a non-auction sale under this subparagraph shall be required to disclose the person or entity sponsoring or benefitting from the purchases if such person or entity is, in whole or in part, other than the purchaser or the purchaser’s employer.

‘(E) DISCRETION TO WITHHOLD ALLOWANCES- Nothing in this paragraph prevents the Administrator from exercising discretion to withhold and retire consumption allowances that would otherwise be available for auction or nonauction sale. Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations establishing criteria for withholding and retiring consumption allowances.

‘(5) BANKING- A consumption allowance or destruction offset

credit may be used to meet the compliance obligation requirements of paragraph (1) in--

‘(A) the vintage year for the allowance or destruction offset credit; or

‘(B) any calendar year subsequent to the vintage year for the allowance or destruction offset credit.

‘(6) AUCTIONS-

‘(A) INITIAL REGULATIONS- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations governing the auction of allowances under this section. Such regulations shall include the following requirements:

‘(i) FREQUENCY; FIRST AUCTION- Auctions shall be held one time per year at regular intervals, with the first auction to be held no later than October 31, 2011.

‘(ii) AUCTION FORMAT- Auctions shall follow a single-round, sealed-bid, uniform price format.

‘(iii) FINANCIAL ASSURANCE- The Administrator may establish financial assurance requirements to ensure that auction participants can and will perform on their bids.

‘(iv) DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP- Each bidder in the auction shall be required to disclose the person or entity sponsoring or benefitting from the bidder’s participation in the auction if such person or entity is, in whole or in part, other than the bidder.

‘(v) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION- After the

auction, the Administrator shall, in a timely fashion, publish the number of bidders, number of winning bidders, the quantity of allowances sold, and the auction clearing price.

‘(vi) BIDDING LIMITS IN 2012- In the vintage year 2012 auction, no auction participant may, directly or in concert with another participant, bid for or purchase more allowances offered for sale at the auction than the greater of--

‘(I) the number of allowances which, when added to the number of allowances available for purchase by the participant in the producer-importer pool non-auction sale, would equal the participant’s annual average consumption of class II, group II substances in calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006; or

‘(II) the number of allowances equal to the product of--

‘(aa) 1.20 multiplied by the participant’s allocation share of the producer-importer pool non-auction sale as determined under paragraph (4)(C)(ii); and

‘(bb) the number of vintage year 2012 allowances offered at auction.

‘(vii) BIDDING LIMITS IN 2013- In the vintage year 2013 auction, no auction participant may, directly or in concert with another participant, bid for or purchase more allowances offered for sale at the auction than the product of--

‘(I) 1.15 multiplied by the ratio of the total number of vintage year 2012 allowances purchased by the participant from the auction and from the

producer-importer pool non-auction sale to the total number of vintage year 2012 allowances in the producer-importer pool; and

‘(II) the number of vintage year 2013 allowances offered at auction.

‘(viii) **BIDDING LIMITS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS-** In the auctions for vintage year 2014 and subsequent vintage years, no auction participant may, directly or in concert with another participant, bid for or purchase more allowances offered for sale at the auction than the product of--

‘(I) 1.15 multiplied by the ratio of the highest number of allowances required to be held by the participant in any of the three prior vintage years to meet its compliance obligation under paragraph (1) to the total number of allowances in the producer-importer pool for such vintage year; and

‘(II) the number of allowances offered at auction for that vintage year.

‘(ix) **OTHER REQUIREMENTS-** The Administrator may include in the regulations such other requirements or provisions as the Administrator considers necessary to promote effective, efficient, transparent, and fair administration of auctions under this section.

‘(B) **REVISION OF REGULATIONS-** The Administrator may, at any time, revise the initial regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) based on the Administrator’s experience in administering allowance auctions by promulgating new regulations. Such revised regulations need not meet the requirements identified in subparagraph (A) if the Administrator determines that an alternative

auction design would be more effective, taking into account factors including costs of administration, transparency, fairness, and risks of collusion or manipulation. In determining whether and how to revise the initial regulations under this paragraph, the Administrator shall not consider maximization of revenues to the Federal Government.

‘(C) DELEGATION OR CONTRACT- Pursuant to regulations under this section, the Administrator may, by delegation or contract, provide for the conduct of auctions under the Administrator’s supervision by other departments or agencies of the Federal Government or by nongovernmental agencies, groups, or organizations.

‘(7) PAYMENTS FOR ALLOWANCES-

‘(A) INITIAL REGULATIONS- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations governing the payment for allowances purchased in auction and non-auction sales under this section. Such regulations shall include the requirement that, in the event that full payment for purchased allowances is not made on the date of purchase, equal payments shall be made one time per calendar quarter with all payments for allowances of a vintage year made by the end of that vintage year.

‘(B) REVISION OF REGULATIONS- The Administrator may, at any time, revise the initial regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) based on the Administrator’s experience in administering collection of payments by promulgating new regulations. Such revised regulations need not meet the requirements identified in subparagraph (A) if the Administrator determines that an alternative payment structure or frequency would be more effective,

taking into account factors including cost of administration, transparency, and fairness. In determining whether and how to revise the initial regulations under this paragraph, the Administrator shall not consider maximization of revenues to the Federal Government.

‘(C) PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT- Failure to pay for purchased allowances in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to this paragraph shall be a violation of the requirements of subsection (b). Section 113(c)(3) shall apply in the case of any person who knowingly fails to pay for purchased allowances in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to this paragraph.

‘(8) IMPORTED PRODUCTS- If the United States becomes a party or otherwise adheres to a multilateral agreement, including any amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, which restricts the production or consumption of class II, group II substances--

‘(A) as of the date on which such agreement or amendment enters into force, it shall no longer be unlawful for any person to import from a party to such agreement or amendment any product containing any class II, group II substance whose production or consumption is regulated by such agreement or amendment without holding one consumption allowance or one destruction offset credit for each carbon dioxide equivalent ton of the class II, group II substance;

‘(B) the Administrator shall promulgate regulations within 12 months of the date the United States becomes a party or otherwise adheres to such agreement or amendment, or the date on which such agreement or amendment enters into force, whichever is later, to establish a new baseline for

purposes of paragraph (2), which new baseline shall be the original baseline less the carbon dioxide equivalent of the annual average quantity of any class II substances regulated by such agreement or amendment contained in products imported from parties to such agreement or amendment in calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006;

‘(C) as of the date on which such agreement or amendment enters into force, no person importing any product containing any class II, group II substance may, directly or in concert with another person, purchase any consumption allowances for sale by the Administrator for the importation of products from a party to such agreement or amendment that contain any class II, group II substance restricted by such agreement or amendment; and

‘(D) the Administrator may adjust the two allowance pools established in paragraph (4) such that up to 90 percent of the consumption allowances available for a calendar year are placed in the producer-importer pool with the remaining consumption allowances placed in the secondary pool.

‘(9) OFFSETS-

‘(A) CHLOROFLUOROCARBON DESTRUCTION-
Within 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations to provide for the issuance of offset credits for the destruction, in the calendar year 2012 or later, of chlorofluorocarbons in the United States. The Administrator shall establish and distribute to the destroying entity a quantity of destruction offset credits equal to 0.8 times the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents of reduction achieved through the destruction. No destruction offset credits shall be

established for the destruction of a class II, group II substance.

‘(B) DEFINITION- For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘destruction’ means the conversion of a substance by thermal, chemical, or other means to another substance with little or no carbon dioxide equivalent value and no ozone depletion potential.

‘(C) REGULATIONS- The regulations promulgated under this paragraph shall include standards and protocols for project eligibility, certification of destroyers, monitoring, tracking, destruction efficiency, quantification of project and baseline emissions and carbon dioxide equivalent value, and verification. The Administrator shall ensure that destruction offset credits represent real and verifiable destruction of chlorofluorocarbons or other class I or class II, group I, substances authorized under subparagraph (D).

‘(D) OTHER SUBSTANCES- The Administrator may promulgate regulations to add to the list of class I and class II, group I, substances that may be destroyed for destruction offset credits, taking into account a candidate substance’s carbon dioxide equivalent value, ozone depletion potential, prevalence in banks in the United States, and emission rates, as well as the need for additional cost containment under the class II, group II cap and the integrity of the class II, group II cap. The Administrator shall not add a class I or class II, group I substance to the list if the consumption of the substance has not been completely phased-out internationally (except for essential use exemptions or other similar exemptions) pursuant to the Montreal Protocol.

‘(E) EXTENSION OF OFFSETS- (i) At any time after the Administrator promulgates regulations pursuant to

subparagraph (A), the Administrator may, pursuant to the requirements of part D of title VII and based on the carbon dioxide equivalent value of the substance destroyed, add the types of destruction projects authorized to receive destruction offset credits under this paragraph to the list of types of projects eligible for offset credits under section 733. If such projects are added to the list under section 733, the issuance of offset credits for such projects under part D of title VII shall be governed by the requirements of such part D, while the issuance of offset credits for such projects under this paragraph shall be governed by the requirements of this paragraph. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the issuance of offset credits under section 740.

‘(ii) The Administrator shall not make the addition under clause (i) unless the Administrator finds that insufficient destruction is occurring or is projected to occur under this paragraph and that the addition would increase destruction.

‘(iii) In no event shall more than one destruction offset credit be issued under title VII and this section for the destruction of the same quantity of a substance.

‘(10) LEGAL STATUS OF ALLOWANCES AND CREDITS-
None of the following constitutes a property right:

‘(A) A production or consumption allowance.

‘(B) A destruction offset credit.

‘(c) Deadlines for Compliance- Notwithstanding the deadlines specified for class II substances in sections 608, 609, 610, 612, and 613 that occur prior to January 1, 2009, the deadline for promulgating regulations under those sections for class II, group II substances shall be January 1, 2012.

‘(d) Exceptions for Essential Uses- Notwithstanding any phase

down of production and consumption required by this section, to the extent consistent with any applicable multilateral agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres, the Administrator may provide the following exceptions for essential uses:

‘(1) MEDICAL DEVICES- The Administrator, after notice and opportunity for public comment, and in consultation with the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, may provide an exception for the production and consumption of class II, group II substances solely for use in medical devices.

‘(2) AVIATION AND SPACE VEHICLE SAFETY- The Administrator, after notice and opportunity for public comment, may authorize the production and consumption of limited quantities of class II, group II substances solely for the purposes of aviation or space vehicle safety if either the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration or the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in consultation with the Administrator, determines that no safe and effective substitute has been developed and that such authorization is necessary for aviation or space flight safety purposes.

‘(e) Developing Countries- Notwithstanding any phase down of production required by this section, the Administrator, after notice and opportunity for public comment, may authorize the production of limited quantities of class II, group II substances in excess of the amounts otherwise allowable under this section solely for export to, and use in, developing countries. Any production authorized under this subsection shall be solely for purposes of satisfying the basic domestic needs of such countries as provided in applicable international agreements, if any, to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres.

‘(f) National Security; Fire Suppression, etc- The provisions of subsection (f) and paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (g) of

section 604 shall apply to any consumption and production phase down of class II, group II substances in the same manner and to the same extent, consistent with any applicable international agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres, as such provisions apply to the substances specified in such subsection.

‘(g) Accelerated Schedule- In lieu of section 606, the provisions of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection shall apply in the case of class II, group II substances.

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator shall promulgate initial regulations not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, and revised regulations any time thereafter, which establish a schedule for phasing down the consumption (and, if the condition in subsection (b)(1)(B) is met, the production) of class II, group II substances that is more stringent than the schedule set forth in this section if, based on the availability of substitutes, the Administrator determines that such more stringent schedule is practicable, taking into account technological achievability, safety, and other factors the Administrator deems relevant, or if the Montreal Protocol, or any applicable international agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres, is modified or established to include a schedule or other requirements to control or reduce production, consumption, or use of any class II, group II substance more rapidly than the applicable schedule under this section.

‘(2) PETITION- Any person may submit a petition to promulgate regulations under this subsection in the same manner and subject to the same procedures as are provided in section 606(b).

‘(3) INCONSISTENCY- If the Administrator determines that the provisions of this section regarding banking, allowance rollover, or destruction offset credits create a significant

potential for inconsistency with the requirements of any applicable international agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres, the Administrator may promulgate regulations restricting the availability of banking, allowance rollover, or destruction offset credits to the extent necessary to avoid such inconsistency.

‘(h) Exchange- Section 607 shall not apply in the case of class II, group II substances. Production and consumption allowances for class II, group II substances may be freely exchanged or sold but may not be converted into allowances for class II, group I substances.

‘(i) Labeling- (1) In applying section 611 to products containing or manufactured with class II, group II substances, in lieu of the words ‘destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere’ on labels required under section 611 there shall be substituted the words ‘contributing to global warming’.

‘(2) The Administrator may, through rulemaking, exempt from the requirements of section 611 products containing or manufactured with class II, group II substances determined to have little or no carbon dioxide equivalent value compared to other substances used in similar products.

‘(j) Nonessential Products- For the purposes of section 610, class II, group II substances shall be regulated under section 610(b), except that in applying section 610(b) the word ‘hydrofluorocarbon’ shall be substituted for the word ‘chlorofluorocarbon’ and the term ‘class II, group II’ shall be substituted for the term ‘class I’. Class II, group II substances shall not be subject to the provisions of section 610(d).

‘(k) International Transfers- In the case of class II, group II substances, in lieu of section 616, this subsection shall apply. To the extent consistent with any applicable international agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres, including

any amendment to the Montreal Protocol, the United States may engage in transfers with other parties to such agreement or amendment under the following conditions:

‘(1) The United States may transfer production allowances to another party to such agreement or amendment if, at the time of the transfer, the Administrator establishes revised production limits for the United States accounting for the transfer in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection.

‘(2) The United States may acquire production allowances from another party to such agreement or amendment if, at the time of the transfer, the Administrator finds that the other party has revised its domestic production limits in the same manner as provided with respect to transfers by the United States in the regulations promulgated pursuant to this subsection.

‘(I) Relationship to Other Laws-

‘(1) STATE LAWS- For purposes of section 116, the requirements of this section for class II, group II substances shall be treated as requirements for the control and abatement of air pollution.

‘(2) MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS- Section 614 shall apply to the provisions of this section concerning class II, group II substances, except that for the words ‘Montreal Protocol’ there shall be substituted the words ‘Montreal Protocol, or any applicable multilateral agreement to which the United States is a party or otherwise adheres that restricts the production or consumption of class II, group II substances,’ and for the words ‘Article 4 of the Montreal Protocol’ there shall be substituted ‘any provision of such multilateral agreement regarding trade with non-parties’.

‘(3) FEDERAL FACILITIES- For purposes of section 118, the

requirements of this section for class II, group II substances and corresponding State, interstate, and local requirements, administrative authority, and process and sanctions shall be treated as requirements for the control and abatement of air pollution within the meaning of section 118.

‘(m) Carbon Dioxide Equivalent Value- (1) In lieu of section 602(e), the provisions of this subsection shall apply in the case of class II, group II substances. Simultaneously with establishing the list of class II, group II substances, and simultaneously with any addition to that list, the Administrator shall publish the carbon dioxide equivalent value of each listed class II, group II substance, based on a determination of the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide that makes the same contribution to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of each class II, group II substance.

‘(2) Not later than February 1, 2017, and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the Administrator shall--

‘(A) review, and if appropriate, revise the carbon dioxide equivalent values established for class II, group II substances based on a determination of the number of metric tons of carbon dioxide that makes the same contributions to global warming over 100 years as 1 metric ton of each class II, group II substance; and

‘(B) publish in the Federal Register the results of that review and any revisions.

‘(3) A revised determination published in the Federal Register under paragraph (2)(B) shall take effect for production of class II, group II substances, consumption of class II, group II substances, and importation of products containing class II, group II substances starting on January 1 of the first calendar year starting at least 9 months after the date on which the revised determination was published.

‘(4) The Administrator may decrease the frequency of review and revision under paragraph (2) if the Administrator determines that such decrease is appropriate in order to synchronize such review and revisions with any similar review process carried out pursuant to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, an agreement negotiated under that convention, The Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, or an agreement negotiated under that convention, except that in no event shall the Administrator carry out such review and revision any less frequently than every 10 years.

‘(n) Reporting Requirements- In lieu of subsections (b) and (c) of section 603, paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall apply in the case of class II, group II substances:

‘(1) IN GENERAL- On a quarterly basis, or such other basis (not less than annually) as determined by the Administrator, each person who produced, imported, or exported a class II, group II substance, or who imported a product containing a class II, group II substance, shall file a report with the Administrator setting forth the carbon dioxide equivalent amount of the substance that such person produced, imported, or exported, as well as the amount that was contained in products imported by that person, during the preceding reporting period. Each such report shall be signed and attested by a responsible officer. If all other reporting is complete, no such report shall be required from a person after April 1 of the calendar year after such person permanently ceases production, importation, and exportation of the substance, as well as importation of products containing the substance, and so notifies the Administrator in writing. If the United States becomes a party or otherwise adheres to a multilateral agreement, including any amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, that restricts the production or consumption of class II, group II substances, then, if all other reporting is complete, no such report shall be

required from a person with respect to importation from parties to such agreement or amendment of products containing any class II, group II substance restricted by such agreement or amendment, after April 1 of the calendar year following the year during which such agreement or amendment enters into force.

‘(2) BASELINE REPORTS FOR CLASS II, GROUP II SUBSTANCES-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Unless such information has been previously reported to the Administrator, on the date on which the first report under paragraph (1) of this subsection is required to be filed, each person who produced, imported, or exported a class II, group II substance, or who imported a product containing a class II substance, (other than a substance added to the list of class II, group II substances after the publication of the initial list of such substances under this section), shall file a report with the Administrator setting forth the amount of such substance that such person produced, imported, exported, or that was contained in products imported by that person, during each of calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

‘(B) PRODUCERS- In reporting under subparagraph (A), each person who produced in the United States a class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006 shall--

‘(i) report all acquisitions or purchases of class II substances during each of calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006 from all other persons who produced in the United States a class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006, and supply evidence of such acquisitions and purchases as deemed necessary by the Administrator; and

‘(ii) report all transfers or sales of class II substances

during each of calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006 to all other persons who produced in the United States a class II substance during calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006, and supply evidence of such transfers and sales as deemed necessary by the Administrator.

‘(C) ADDED SUBSTANCES- In the case of a substance added to the list of class II, group II substances after publication of the initial list of such substances under this section, each person who produced, imported, exported, or imported products containing such substance in calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006 shall file a report with the Administrator within 180 days after the date on which such substance is added to the list, setting forth the amount of the substance that such person produced, imported, and exported, as well as the amount that was contained in products imported by that person, in calendar years 2004, 2005, and 2006.

‘(o) Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection Fund-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- There is established in the Treasury of the United States a Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection Fund.

‘(2) DEPOSITS- The Administrator shall deposit all proceeds from the auction and non-auction sale of allowances under this section into the Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection Fund.

‘(3) USE- Amounts deposited into the Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection Fund shall be available, subject to appropriations, exclusively for the following purposes:

‘(A) RECOVERY, RECYCLING, AND RECLAMATION- The Administrator may utilize funds to establish a program to incentivize the recovery, recycling,

and reclamation of any Class II substances in order to reduce emissions of such substances.

‘(B) MULTILATERAL FUND- If the United States becomes a party or otherwise adheres to a multilateral agreement, including any amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, which restricts the production or consumption of class II, group II substances, the Administrator may utilize funds to meet any related contribution obligation of the United States to the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol or similar multilateral fund established under such multilateral agreement.

‘(C) BEST-IN-CLASS APPLIANCES DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM- The Secretary of Energy is authorized to utilize funds to carry out the purposes of section 214 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(D) LOW GLOBAL WARMING PRODUCT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, may utilize funds in fiscal years 2012 through 2022 to establish a program to provide financial assistance to manufacturers of products containing class II, group II substances to facilitate the transition to products that contain or utilize alternative substances with no or low carbon dioxide equivalent value and no ozone depletion potential.

‘(ii) DEFINITION- In this subparagraph, the term ‘products’ means refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, foam insulation, technical aerosols, fire protection systems, and semiconductors.

‘(iii) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE- The Administrator may provide financial assistance to manufacturers pursuant to clause (i) for--

‘(I) the design and configuration of new products that use alternative substances with no or low carbon dioxide equivalent value and no ozone depletion potential; and

‘(II) the redesign and retooling of facilities for the manufacture of products in the United States that use alternative substances with no or low carbon dioxide equivalent value and no ozone depletion potential.

‘(iv) REPORTS- For any fiscal year during which the Administrator provides financial assistance pursuant to this subparagraph, the Administrator shall submit a report to the Congress within 3 months of the end of such fiscal year detailing the amounts, recipients, specific purposes, and results of the financial assistance provided.’.

(b) Table of Contents- The table of contents of title VI of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671 et seq.) is amended by adding the following new item at the end thereof:

‘Sec. 619. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).’.

(c) Fire Suppression Agents- Section 605(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671(a)) is amended--

(1) by striking ‘or’ at the end of paragraph (2);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting ‘; or’; and

(3) by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph (3):

‘(4) is listed as acceptable for use as a fire suppression agent for nonresidential applications in accordance with section 612(c).’.

(d) Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners-

(1) Section 609(e) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671h(e)) is amended by inserting ‘, group I’ after each reference to ‘class II’ in the text and heading.

(2) Section 609 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671h) is amended by adding the following new subsection after subsection (e):

‘(f) Class II, Group II Substances-

‘(1) REPAIR- The Administrator may promulgate regulations establishing requirements for repair of motor vehicle air conditioners prior to adding a class II, group II substance.

‘(2) SMALL CONTAINERS- (A) The Administrator may promulgate regulations establishing servicing practices and procedures for recovery of class II, group II substances from containers which contain less than 20 pounds of such class II, group II substances.

‘(B) Not later than 18 months after enactment of this subsection, the Administrator shall either promulgate regulations requiring that containers which contain less than 20 pounds of a class II, group II substance be equipped with a device or technology that limits refrigerant emissions and leaks from the container and limits refrigerant emissions and leaks during the transfer of refrigerant from the container to the motor vehicle air conditioner or issue a determination that such requirements are not necessary or appropriate.

‘(C) Not later than 18 months after enactment of this subsection, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations establishing requirements for consumer education materials on best practices associated with the use of containers which contain less than 20 pounds of a class II, group II substance and prohibiting the sale or distribution, or offer for sale or distribution, of any class II, group II substance in any container which contains less than 20 pounds of such class II, group II substance, unless consumer education materials consistent with such requirements are displayed and available at point-of-sale locations, provided to the consumer, or included in or on the packaging of the container which contain less than 20 pounds of a class II, group II substance.

‘(D) The Administrator may, through rulemaking, extend the requirements established under this paragraph to containers which contain 30 pounds or less of a class II, group II substance if the Administrator determines that such action would produce significant environmental benefits.

‘(3) RESTRICTION OF SALES- Effective January 1, 2014, no person may sell or distribute or offer to sell or distribute or otherwise introduce into interstate commerce any motor vehicle air conditioner refrigerant in any size container unless the substance has been found acceptable for use in a motor vehicle air conditioner under section 612.’.

(e) Safe Alternatives Policy- Section 612(e) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7671k(e)) is amended by inserting ‘or class II’ after each reference to ‘class I’.

SEC. 333. BLACK CARBON.

(a) Definition- As used in this section, the term ‘black carbon’ means primary light absorbing aerosols, as defined by the Administrator, based on the best available science.

(b) **Black Carbon Abatement Report-** Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies, submit to Congress a report regarding black carbon emissions. The report shall include the following:

(1) A summary of the current information and research that identifies--

(A) an inventory of the major sources of black carbon emissions in the United States and throughout the world, including--

(i) an estimate of the quantity of current and projected future emissions; and

(ii) the net climate forcing of the emissions from such sources, including consideration of co-emissions of other pollutants;

(B) effective and cost-effective control technologies, operations, and strategies for additional domestic and international black carbon emissions reductions, such as diesel retrofit technologies on existing on-road, non-road, and stationary engines and programs to address residential cookstoves, and forest and agriculture-based burning;

(C) potential metrics and approaches for quantifying the climatic effects of black carbon emissions, including its radiative forcing and warming effects, that may be used to compare the climate benefits of different mitigation strategies, including an assessment of the uncertainty in such metrics and approaches; and

(D) the public health and environmental benefits associated with additional controls for black carbon emissions.

(2) Recommendations regarding--

(A) development of additional emissions monitoring techniques and capabilities, modeling, and other black carbon-related areas of study;

(B) areas of focus for additional study of technologies, operations, and strategies with the greatest potential to reduce emissions of black carbon and associated public health, economic, and environmental impacts associated with these emissions; and

(C) actions, in addition to those identified by the Administrator under section 851 of the Clean Air Act (as added by subsection (c)), the Federal Government may take to encourage or require reductions in black carbon emissions.

(c) Black Carbon Mitigation- Title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 331 of this Act, and amended by section 222 of this Act, is further amended by adding after part D the following new part:

‘PART E--BLACK CARBON

‘SEC. 851. BLACK CARBON.

‘(a) Domestic Black Carbon Mitigation- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator, taking into consideration the public health and environmental impacts of black carbon emissions, including the effects on global and regional warming, the Arctic, and other snow and ice-covered surfaces, shall propose regulations under the existing authorities of this Act to reduce emissions of black carbon or propose a finding that existing regulations promulgated pursuant to this Act adequately regulate black carbon emissions. Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall promulgate final regulations under the existing authorities of this Act or finalize the proposed finding. Such regulations shall not apply to specific types, classes, categories, or other suitable groupings of emissions sources that the Administrator finds are subject to adequate regulation.

‘(b) International Black Carbon Mitigation-

‘(1) REPORT- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment

of this section, the Administrator, in coordination with the Secretary of State and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall transmit a report to Congress on the amount, type, and direction of all present United States financial, technical, and related assistance to foreign countries to reduce, mitigate, and otherwise abate black carbon emissions.

‘(2) OTHER OPPORTUNITIES- The report required under paragraph (1) shall also identify opportunities and recommendations, including action under existing authorities, to achieve significant black carbon emission reductions in foreign countries through technical assistance or other approaches to--

‘(A) promote sustainable solutions to bring clean, efficient, safe, and affordable stoves, fuels, or both stoves and fuels to residents of developing countries that are reliant on solid fuels such as wood, dung, charcoal, coal, or crop residues for home cooking and heating, so as to help reduce the public health, environmental, and economic impacts of black carbon emissions from these sources by--

‘(i) identifying key regions for large-scale demonstration efforts, and key partners in each such region; and

‘(ii) developing for each such region a large-scale implementation strategy with a goal of collectively reaching 20,000,000 homes over 5 years with interventions that will--

‘(I) increase stove efficiency by over 50 percent (or such other goal as determined by the Administrator);

‘(II) reduce emissions of black carbon by over 60 percent (or such other goal as determined by the Administrator); and

‘(III) reduce the incidence of severe pneumonia in children under 5 years old by over 30 percent (or such other goal as determined by the Administrator);

‘(B) make technological improvements to diesel engines and provide greater access to fuels that emit less or no black carbon;

‘(C) reduce unnecessary agricultural or other biomass burning where feasible alternatives exist;

‘(D) reduce unnecessary fossil fuel burning that produces black carbon where feasible alternatives exist;

‘(E) reduce other sources of black carbon emissions; and

‘(F) improve capacity to achieve greater compliance with existing laws to address black carbon emissions.’.

(d) Authorization of Appropriations- There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 334. STATES.

Section 116 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7416) is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: ‘For the purposes of this section, the phrases ‘standard or limitation respecting emissions of air pollutants’ and ‘requirements respecting control or abatement of air pollution’ shall include any provision to: cap greenhouse gas emissions, require surrender to the State or a political subdivision thereof of emission allowances or offset credits established or issued under this Act, and require the use of such allowances or credits as a means of demonstrating compliance with requirements established by a State or political subdivision thereof.’.

SEC. 335. STATE PROGRAMS.

Title VIII of the Clean Air Act, as added by section 331 of this Act and amended by several sections of this Act, is further amended by adding after part E (as added by section 333(c) of this Act) the following new part:

‘PART F--MISCELLANEOUS

‘SEC. 861. STATE PROGRAMS.

‘Notwithstanding section 116, no State or political subdivision thereof shall implement or enforce a cap and trade program that covers any capped emissions emitted during the years 2012 through 2017. For purposes of this section, the term ‘cap and trade program’ means a system of greenhouse gas regulation under which a State or political subdivision issues a limited number of tradable instruments in the nature of emission allowances and requires that sources within its jurisdiction surrender such tradeable instruments for each unit of greenhouse gases emitted during a compliance period. For purposes of this section, a ‘cap-and-trade program’ does not include a target or limit on greenhouse gas emissions adopted by a State or political subdivision that is implemented other than through the issuance and surrender of a limited number of tradable instruments in the nature of emission allowances, nor does it include any other standard, limit, regulation, or program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is not implemented through the issuance and surrender of a limited number of tradeable instruments in the nature of emission allowances. For purposes of this section, the term ‘cap and trade program’ does not include, among other things, fleet-wide motor vehicle emission requirements that allow greater emissions with increased vehicle production, or requirements that fuels, or other products, meet an average pollution emission rate or lifecycle greenhouse gas standard.

‘SEC. 862. GRANTS FOR SUPPORT OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS.

‘The Administrator is authorized to make grants to air pollution control agencies pursuant to section 105 for purposes of assisting in the implementation of programs to address global warming established under the Safe Climate Act.’.

SEC. 336. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) Remand- Section 307(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7607(b)) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs at the end thereof:

‘(3) If the court determines that any action of the Administrator is arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise unlawful, the court may remand such action, without vacatur, if vacatur would impair or delay protection of the environment or public health or otherwise undermine the timely achievement of the purposes of this Act.

‘(4) If the court determines that any action of the Administrator is arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise unlawful, and remands the matter to the Administrator, the Administrator shall complete final action on remand within an expeditious time period no longer than the time originally allowed for the action or 1 year, whichever is less, unless the court on motion determines that a shorter or longer period is necessary, appropriate, and consistent with the purposes of this Act. The court of appeals shall have jurisdiction to enforce a deadline for action on remand under this subparagraph.’.

(b) Petition for Reconsideration- Section 307(d)(7)(B) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7607(d)(7)(B)) is amended as follows:

(1) By inserting after the second sentence ‘If a petition for reconsideration is filed, the Administrator shall take final action on such petition, including promulgation of final action either revising or determining not to revise the action for which reconsideration is sought, within 150 days after the petition is received by the Administrator or the

petition shall be deemed denied for the purpose of judicial review.’.

(2) By amending the third sentence to read as follows: ‘Such person may seek judicial review of such denial, or of any other final action, by the Administrator, in response to a petition for reconsideration, in the United States court of appeals for the appropriate circuit (as provided in subsection (b)).’.

SEC. 337. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Federal Enforcement- Section 113 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7413) is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (a)(3), by striking ‘or title VI,’ and inserting ‘title VI, title VII, or title VIII’.

(2) In subsection (b), by striking ‘or a major stationary source’ and inserting ‘a major stationary source, or a covered EGU under title VIII’ in the material preceding paragraph (1).

(3) In paragraph (2) of subsection (b), by striking ‘or title VI’ and inserting ‘title VI, title VII, or title VIII’.

(4) In subsection (c)--

(A) in the first sentence of paragraph (1), by striking ‘or title VI (relating to stratospheric ozone control),’ and inserting ‘title VI, title VII, or title VIII,’; and

(B) in the first sentence of paragraph (3), by striking ‘or VI’ and inserting ‘VI, VII, or VIII’.

(5) In subsection (d)(1)(B), by striking ‘or VI’ and inserting ‘VI, VII, or VIII’.

(6) In subsection (f), in the first sentence, by striking ‘or VI’ and inserting ‘VI, VII, or VIII’.

(b) Retention of State Authority- Section 116 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7416) is amended as follows:

(1) By striking ‘and 233’ and inserting ‘233’.

(2) By striking ‘of moving sources)’ and inserting ‘of moving sources), and 861 (preempting certain State greenhouse gas programs for a limited time)’.

(c) Inspections, Monitoring, and Entry- Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7414(a)) is amended by striking ‘section 112,’ and all that follows through ‘(ii)’ and inserting the following: ‘section 112, or any regulation of greenhouse gas emissions under title VII or VIII, (ii)’.

(d) Enforcement- Subsection (f) of section 304 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7604(f)) is amended as follows:

(1) By striking ‘; or’ at the end of paragraph (3) thereof and inserting a comma.

(2) By striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) thereof and inserting ‘, or’.

(3) By adding the following after paragraph (4) thereof:

‘(5) any requirement of title VII or VIII.’.

(e) Administrative Proceedings and Judicial Review- Section 307 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7607) is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection (a), by striking ‘, or section 306’ and inserting ‘section 306, or title VII or VIII’.

(2) In subsection (b)(1)--

(A) by striking ‘.,’ and inserting ‘,’ in each place such punctuation appears; and

(B) by striking ‘section 120,’ in the first sentence and inserting ‘section 120, any final action under title VII or VIII,’.

(3) In subsection (d)(1) by amending subparagraph (S) to read as follows:

‘(S) the promulgation or revision of any regulation under title VII or VIII,’.

SEC. 338. DAVIS-BACON COMPLIANCE.

(a) In General- Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions in this Act, to receive emission allowances or funding under this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, the recipient shall provide reasonable assurances that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, or by any entity established in accordance with this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, including the Carbon Storage Research Corporation, will be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Davis-Bacon Act’). With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

(b) Exemption- Neither subsection (a) nor the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code, shall apply to retrofitting of the following:

(1) Single family homes (both attached and detached) under section 202.

(2) Owner-occupied residential units in larger buildings that have their

own dedicated space-conditioning systems under section 202.

(3) Residential buildings (as defined in section 202(a)(5)) if designed for residential use by less than 4 families.

(4) Nonresidential buildings (as defined in section 202(a)(1)) if the net interior space of such nonresidential building is less than 6,500 square feet.

SEC. 339. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DOMESTIC BIOLOGICAL CARBON SEQUESTRATION.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and the heads of such other relevant Federal agencies as the President may designate, shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a unified and comprehensive strategy to address the key legal, regulatory, technological, and other barriers to maximizing the potential for sustainable biological sequestration of carbon within the United States.

SEC. 340. REDUCING ACID RAIN AND MERCURY POLLUTION.

Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report that analyzes the effects of different carbon dioxide reduction strategies and technologies on the emissions of mercury, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxide, which cause acid rain, particulate matter, ground level ozone, mercury contamination, and other environmental problems. The report shall assess a variety of carbon reduction technologies, including the application of various carbon capture and sequestration technologies for both new and existing power plants. The report shall assess the current scientific and technical understanding of the interplay between the various technologies and emissions of air pollutants, identify hurdles to strategies that could cost-effectively reduce emissions of multiple pollutants, and make appropriate recommendations.

Subtitle D--Carbon Market Assurance

SEC. 341. CARBON MARKET ASSURANCE.

(a) Amendment- The Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a and following) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘PART IV--CARBON MARKET ASSURANCE

‘SEC. 401. OVERSIGHT AND ASSURANCE OF CARBON MARKETS.

‘(a) Definitions- In this section:

‘(1) COVERED ENTITY- The term ‘covered entity’ shall have the meaning given in section 700 of the Clean Air Act.

‘(2) REGULATED ALLOWANCE- The term ‘regulated allowance’ means any emission allowance, compensatory allowance, offset credit, or Federal renewable electricity credit established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(3) REGULATED INSTRUMENT- The term ‘regulated instrument’ means a regulated allowance or a regulated allowance derivative.

‘(b) Regulated Allowance Market-

‘(1) AUTHORITY- The Commission shall promulgate regulations for the establishment, operation, and oversight of markets for regulated allowances not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section, and from time to time thereafter as may be appropriate.

‘(2) REGULATIONS- The regulations promulgated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall--

‘(A) provide for effective and comprehensive market oversight;

‘(B) prohibit fraud, market manipulation, and excess speculation, and provide measures to limit unreasonable fluctuation in the prices of regulated allowances;

‘(C) facilitate compliance with title VII of the Clean Air Act by covered entities;

‘(D) ensure market transparency and recordkeeping deemed necessary and appropriate by the Commission to provide for efficient price discovery; prevention of fraud, market manipulation, and excess speculation; and compliance with title VII of the Clean Air Act and section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978;

‘(E) as necessary, ensure that position limitations for individual market participants are established with respect to each class of regulated allowances;

‘(F) as necessary, ensure that margin requirements are established for each class of regulated allowances;

‘(G) provide for the formation and operation of a fair, orderly and liquid national market system that allows for the best execution in the trading of regulated allowances;

‘(H) limit or eliminate counterparty risks, market power concentration risks, and other risks associated with trading regulated allowances outside of trading facilities; and

‘(I) establish standards for qualification as, and operation of, trading facilities for regulated allowances;

‘(J) establish standards for qualification as, and operation of, clearing organizations for trading facilities for regulated allowances; and

‘(K) include such other requirements as necessary to preserve market integrity and facilitate compliance with title VII of the Clean Air Act and section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and the regulations promulgated under such title and such section.

‘(3) ENFORCEMENT-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- If the Commission determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the record, that any entity has violated any rule or order issued by the Commission under this subsection, the Commission may issue an order--

‘(i) prohibiting the entity from trading on a trading facility for regulated allowances registered with the Commission, and requiring all such facilities to refuse the entity all privileges for such period as may be specified in the order;

‘(ii) if the entity is registered with the Commission in any capacity, suspending for a period of not more than 6 months, or revoking, the registration of the entity;

‘(iii) assessing the entity a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000,000 per day per violation for as long as the violation continues (and in determining the amount of a civil penalty, the Commission shall take into account the nature and seriousness of the violation and the efforts to remedy the violation); and

‘(iv) requiring disgorgement of unjust profits, restitution to entities harmed by the violation as

determined by the Commission, or both.

‘(B) AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE

REGISTRATION- The Commission may suspend for a period of not more than 6 months, or revoke, the registration of a trading facility for regulated allowances or of a clearing organization registered by the Commission if, after notice and opportunity for a hearing on the record, the Commission finds that--

‘(i) the entity violated any rule or order issued by the Commission under this subsection; or

‘(ii) a director, officer, employee, or agent of the entity has violated any rule or order issued by the Commission under this subsection.

‘(C) CEASE AND DESIST PROCEEDINGS-

‘(i) **IN GENERAL-** If the Commission determines that any entity may be violating, may have violated, or may be about to violate any provision of this part, or any regulation promulgated by, or any restriction, condition, or order made or imposed by, the Commission under this Act, and if the Commission finds that the alleged violation or threatened violation, or the continuation of the violation, is likely to result in significant harm to covered entities or market participants, or significant harm to the public interest, the Commission may issue a temporary order requiring the entity--

‘(I) to cease and desist from the violation or threatened violation;

‘(II) to take such action as is necessary to prevent the violation or threatened violation; and

‘(III) to prevent, as the Commission determines to be appropriate--

‘(aa) significant harm to covered entities or market participants;

‘(bb) significant harm to the public interest; and

‘(cc) frustration of the ability of the Commission to conduct the proceedings or to redress the violation at the conclusion of the proceedings.

‘(ii) TIMING OF ENTRY- An order issued under clause (i) shall be entered only after notice and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Commission determines that notice and hearing before entry would be impracticable or contrary to the public interest.

‘(iii) EFFECTIVE DATE- A temporary order issued under clause (i) shall--

‘(I) become effective upon service upon the entity;
and

‘(II) unless set aside, limited, or suspended by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, remain effective and enforceable pending the completion of the proceedings.

‘(D) PROCEEDINGS REGARDING DISSIPATION OR CONVERSION OF ASSETS-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- In a proceeding involving an alleged violation of a regulation or order promulgated or issued by the Commission, if the Commission determines that the alleged violation or related circumstances are likely to result in significant dissipation or conversion of assets, the Commission

may issue a temporary order requiring the respondent to take such action as is necessary to prevent the dissipation or conversion of assets.

‘(ii) **TIMING OF ENTRY**- An order issued under clause (i) shall be entered only after notice and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Commission determines that notice and hearing before entry would be impracticable or contrary to the public interest.

‘(iii) **EFFECTIVE DATE**- A temporary order issued under clause (i) shall--

‘(I) become effective upon service upon the respondent; and

‘(II) unless set aside, limited, or suspended by the Commission or a court of competent jurisdiction, remain effective and enforceable pending the completion of the proceedings.

‘(E) **REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ORDERS**-

‘(i) **APPLICATION FOR REVIEW**- At any time after a respondent has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order pursuant to subparagraph (C) or order regarding the dissipation or conversion of assets pursuant to subparagraph (D), the respondent may apply to the Commission to have the order set aside, limited, or suspended.

‘(ii) **NO PRIOR HEARING**- If a respondent has been served with a temporary order entered without a prior hearing of the Commission--

‘(I) the respondent may, not later than 10 days after the date on which the order was served,

request a hearing on the application; and

‘(II) the Commission shall hold a hearing and render a decision on the application at the earliest practicable time.

‘(iii) JUDICIAL REVIEW-

‘(I) IN GENERAL- An entity shall not be required to submit a request for rehearing of a temporary order before seeking judicial review in accordance with this subparagraph.

‘(II) TIMING OF REVIEW- Not later than 10 days after the date on which a respondent is served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered with a prior hearing of the Commission, or 10 days after the date on which the Commission renders a decision on an application and hearing under clause (i) with respect to any temporary order entered without such a prior hearing--

‘(aa) the respondent may obtain a review of the order in a United States circuit court having jurisdiction over the circuit in which the respondent resides or has a principal place of business, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, for an order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the effectiveness or enforcement of the order; and

‘(bb) the court shall have jurisdiction to enter such an order.

‘(III) NO PRIOR HEARING- A respondent served with a temporary order entered without a prior hearing of the Commission may not apply to the applicable court described in subclause (II) except after a hearing and decision by the Commission on the application of the respondent under clauses (i)

and (ii).

‘(iv) PROCEDURES- Section 222 and Part III shall apply to--

‘(I) an application for review of an order under clause (i); and

‘(II) an order subject to review under clause (iii).

‘(v) NO AUTOMATIC STAY OF TEMPORARY ORDER- The commencement of proceedings under clause (iii) shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the order of the Commission.

‘(F) ACTIONS TO COLLECT CIVIL PENALTIES- If any person fails to pay a civil penalty assessed under this subsection after an order assessing the penalty has become final and unappealable, the Commission shall bring an action to recover the amount of the penalty in any appropriate United States district court.

‘(4) TRANSACTION FEES-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The Commission shall, in accordance with this paragraph, establish and collect transaction fees designed to recover the costs to the Federal Government of the supervision and regulation of regulated allowance markets and market participants, including related costs for enforcement activities, policy and rulemaking activities, administration, legal services, and international regulatory activities.

‘(B) INITIAL FEE RATE- Each trading facility on or through which regulated allowances are transacted shall pay to the Commission a fee at a rate of not more than \$15

per \$1,000,000 of the aggregate dollar amount of sales of regulated allowances transacted through the facility.

‘(C) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF FEE RATE- The Commission shall, on an annual basis--

‘(i) assess the rate at which fees are to be collected as necessary to meet the cost recovery requirement in subparagraph (A); and

‘(ii) consistent with subparagraph (B), adjust the rate as necessary in order to meet the requirement.

‘(D) REPORT ON ADEQUACY OF FEES IN RECOVERING COSTS- The Commission, shall, on an annual basis, report to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate on the adequacy of the transaction fees in providing funding for the Commission to regulate the regulated allowance markets.

‘(5) JUDICIAL REVIEW- Judicial review of actions taken by the Commission under this subsection shall be pursuant to part III.

‘(6) ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES REPORT AND APPOINTMENT- Within 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Commission shall submit to the President, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, a report that contains recommendations as to how many additional employees would be necessary to provide robust oversight and enforcement of the regulations promulgated under this subsection. As soon as practicable after the completion of the report, subject to appropriations, the Commission shall appoint the recommended

number of additional employees for such purposes.

‘(c) Working Group-

‘(1) ESTABLISHMENT- Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the President shall establish an interagency working group on carbon market oversight, which shall include the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and representatives of other relevant agencies, to make recommendations to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission regarding proposed regulations for the establishment, operation, and oversight of markets for regulated allowance derivatives.

‘(2) REPORT- Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, and biennially thereafter, the interagency working group shall submit a written report to the President and Congress that includes its recommendations to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission regarding proposed regulations for the establishment, operation, and oversight of markets for regulated allowance derivatives and any recommendations to Congress for statutory changes needed to ensure the establishment, operation, and oversight of transparent, fair, stable, and efficient markets for regulated allowance derivatives.

‘(d) Penalty for Fraud and False or Misleading Statements- A person convicted under section 1041 of title 18, United States Code, may be prohibited from holding or trading regulated allowances for a period of not more than 5 years pursuant to the regulations promulgated under this section, except that, if the person is a covered entity, the person shall be allowed to hold sufficient regulated allowances to meet its compliance obligations.

‘(e) Relation to State Law- Nothing in this section shall preclude, diminish or qualify any authority of a State or political subdivision thereof to adopt or enforce any unfair competition, antitrust,

consumer protection, securities, commodities or any other law or regulation, except that no such State law or regulation may relieve any person of any requirement otherwise applicable under this section.

‘(f) Market Reports-

‘(1) COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION-

The Commission, in conjunction with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, shall, on a continuous basis, analyze the following information on the functioning of the markets for regulated instruments established under this part:

‘(A) The status of, and trends in, the markets, including prices, trading volumes, transaction types, and trading channels and mechanisms.

‘(B) Spikes, collapses, and volatility in prices of regulated instruments, and the causes therefor.

‘(C) The relationship between the market for regulated allowances and allowance derivatives, and the spot and futures markets for energy commodities, including electricity.

‘(D) The economic effects of the markets, including to macro- and micro-economic effects of unexpected significant increases and decreases in the price of regulated instruments.

‘(E) Any changes in the roles, activities, or strategies of various market participants.

‘(F) Regional, industrial, and consumer responses to the markets, and energy investment responses to the markets.

‘(G) Any other issue related to the markets that the

Commission, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission deem appropriate.

‘(2) ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS- Not later than 1 month after the end of each calendar year, the Commission, in conjunction with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, shall submit to the President, the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and make available to the public, a report on the matters described in paragraph (1) with respect to the year, including recommendations for any administrative or statutory measures the Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission consider necessary to address any threats to the transparency, fairness, or integrity of the markets in regulated instruments.

‘SEC. 402. APPLICABILITY OF PART III PROVISIONS.

‘(a) Sections 301, 304, and 306- Sections 301, 304, and 306 shall not apply to this part.

‘(b) Section 315- In applying section 315(a) to this part, the words ‘person or entity’ shall be substituted for the words ‘licensee or public utility’. In applying section 315(b) to this part, the words ‘an entity’ shall be substituted for the words ‘a licensee or public utility’ and the words ‘such entity’ shall be substituted for the words ‘such licensee or public utility’.

‘(c) Section 316- Section 316(a) shall not apply to section 401(d).’.

(b) Criminal Prohibition Against Fraud and False or Misleading Statements-

(1) Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘Sec. 1041. Fraud and false statements in connection with regulated allowances

‘Whoever in connection with a transaction involving a regulated allowance (as defined in section 401(a) of the Federal Power Act, as added by section 341 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009), knowingly--

‘(1) makes or uses a materially false or misleading statement, writing, representation, scheme, or device; or

‘(2) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device any material fact,

shall be fined not more than \$5,000,000 (or \$25,000,000 in the case of an organization) or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both.’.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

‘1041. Fraud and false statements in connection with regulated allowances.’.

SEC. 342. CARBON DERIVATIVE MARKETS.

(a) Section 1a(14) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a(14)) is amended by striking ‘or an agricultural commodity’ and inserting ‘, an agricultural commodity, or any emission allowance, compensatory allowance, offset credit, or Federal renewable electricity credit established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009’.

(b) Section 4(c) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)) is amended by adding at the end

the following:

‘(6) This subsection does not apply to any agreement, contract, or transaction for any emission allowance, compensatory allowance, offset credit, or Federal renewable electricity credit established or issued under the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.’.

Subtitle E--Additional Market Assurance

SEC. 351. REGULATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS IN DERIVATIVES INVOLVING ENERGY COMMODITIES.

(a) Energy Commodity Defined- Section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a) is amended--

(1) in paragraph (14), by inserting ‘, an energy commodity,’ after ‘excluded commodity’;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (13) through (21) and paragraphs (22) through (34) as paragraphs (14) through (22) and paragraphs (24) through (36), respectively;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

‘(13) ENERGY COMMODITY- The term ‘energy commodity’ means--

‘(A) coal;

‘(B) crude oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, heating oil, and propane;

‘(C) electricity (excluding financial transmission rights which are subject to regulation and oversight by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission);

‘(D) natural gas; and

‘(E) any other substance (other than an excluded commodity, a metal, or an agricultural commodity) that is used as a source of energy, as the Commission, in its discretion, deems appropriate.’; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (22) (as so redesignated by paragraph (2) of this subsection) the following:

‘(23) INCLUDED ENERGY TRANSACTION- The term ‘included energy transaction’ means a contract, agreement, or transaction in an energy commodity for future delivery that provides for a delivery point of the energy commodity in the United States or a territory or possession of the United States, or that is offered or transacted on or through a computer terminal located in the United States.’.

(b) Extension of Regulatory Authority to Swaps Involving Energy Transactions- Section 2(g) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(g)) is amended by inserting ‘or an energy commodity’ after ‘agricultural commodity’.

(c) Elimination of Exemption for Over-the-counter Swaps Involving Energy Commodities- Section 2(h)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(1)) is amended by inserting ‘(other than an energy commodity)’ after ‘exempt commodity’.

(d) Extension of Regulatory Authority to Included Energy Transactions on Foreign Boards of Trade- Section 4 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting ‘, and which is not an included energy transaction’ after ‘territories or possessions’ the 2nd place it appears; and

(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following: ‘The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to included energy transactions.’.

(e) Limitation of General Exemptive Authority of the CFTC With Respect

to Included Energy Transactions-

(1) IN GENERAL- Section 4(c) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(6) The Commission may not exempt any included energy transaction from the requirements of subsection (a), unless the Commission provides 60 days advance notice to the Congress and the Position Limit Energy Advisory Group and solicits public comment about the exemption request and any proposed Commission action.’.

(2) NULLIFICATION OF NO-ACTION LETTER EXEMPTIONS TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO INCLUDED ENERGY TRANSACTIONS- Beginning 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, any exemption provided by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that has allowed included energy transactions (as defined in section 1a(13) of the Commodity Exchange Act) to be conducted without regard to the requirements of section 4(a) of such Act shall be null and void.

(f) Requirement to Establish Uniform Speculative Position Limits for Energy Transactions-

(1) IN GENERAL- Section 4a(a) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6a(a)) is amended--

(A) by inserting ‘(1)’ after ‘(a)’;

(B) by inserting after the 2nd sentence the following: ‘With respect to energy transactions, the Commission shall fix limits on the aggregate number of positions which may be held by any person for each month across all markets subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.’;

(C) in the 4th sentence by inserting ‘, consistent with the 3rd sentence,’ after ‘Commission’; and

(D) by adding after and below the end the following:

‘(2)(A) Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the Commission shall convene a Position Limit Energy Advisory Group consisting of representatives from--

‘(i) 7 predominantly commercial short hedgers of the actual energy commodity for future delivery;

‘(ii) 7 predominantly commercial long hedgers of the actual energy commodity for future delivery;

‘(iii) 4 non-commercial participants in markets for energy commodities for future delivery; and

‘(iv) each designated contract market or derivatives transaction execution facility upon which a contract in the energy commodity for future delivery is traded, and each electronic trading facility that has a significant price discovery contract in the energy commodity.

‘(B) Not later than 60 days after the date on which the advisory group is convened under subparagraph (A), and annually thereafter, the advisory group shall submit to the Commission advisory recommendations regarding the position limits to be established in paragraph (1).

‘(C) The Commission shall have exclusive authority to grant exemptions for bona fide hedging transactions and positions from position limits imposed under this Act on energy transactions.’.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS-

(A) SIGNIFICANT PRICE DISCOVERY CONTRACTS- Section 2(h)(7) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(7)) is amended--

(i) in subparagraph (A)--

(I) by inserting ‘of this paragraph and section 4a(a)’ after ‘(B) through (D)’; and

(II) by inserting ‘of this paragraph’ before the period; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)(ii)(IV)--

(I) in the heading, by striking ‘LIMITATIONS OR’; and

(II) by striking ‘position limitations or’.

(B) CONTRACTS TRADED ON OR THROUGH DESIGNATED CONTRACT MARKETS- Section 5(d)(5) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7(d)(5)) is amended--

(i) in the heading by striking ‘LIMITATIONS OR’; and

(ii) by striking ‘position limitations or’.

(C) CONTRACTS TRADED ON OR THROUGH DERIVATIVES TRANSACTION EXECUTION FACILITIES- Section 5a(d)(4) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7a(d)(4)) is amended--

(i) in the heading by striking ‘LIMITATIONS OR’; and

(ii) by striking ‘position limits or’.

(g) Elimination of the Swaps Loophole- Section 4a(c) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6a(c)) is amended--

(1) by inserting ‘(1)’ after ‘(c)’; and

(2) by adding after and below the end the following:

‘(2) For the purposes of contracts of sale for future delivery and options on such contracts or commodities, the Commission shall define what constitutes a bona fide hedging transaction or position as a transaction or position that--

‘(A)(i) represents a substitute for transactions made or to be made or positions taken or to be taken at a later time in a physical marketing channel;

‘(ii) is economically appropriate to the reduction of risks in the conduct and management of a commercial enterprise; and

‘(iii) arises from the potential change in the value of--

‘(I) assets that a person owns, produces, manufactures, processes, or merchandises or anticipates owning, producing, manufacturing, processing, or merchandising;

‘(II) liabilities that a person owns or anticipates incurring; or

‘(III) services that a person provides, purchases, or anticipates providing or purchasing; or

‘(B) reduces risks attendant to a position resulting from a transaction that--

‘(i) was executed pursuant to subsection (d), (g), (h)(1), or (h)(2) of section 2, or an exemption issued by the Commission by rule, regulation or order; and

‘(ii) was executed opposite a counterparty for which the transaction would qualify as a bona fide hedging transaction pursuant to paragraph (2)(A) of this subsection.’.

(h) Detailed Reporting and Disaggregation of Market Data- Section 4 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(e) Detailed Reporting and Disaggregation of Market Data-

‘(1) INDEX TRADERS AND SWAP DEALERS

REPORTING- The Commission shall issue a proposed rule defining and classifying index traders and swap dealers (as

those terms are defined by the Commission) for purposes of data reporting requirements and setting routine detailed reporting requirements for any positions of such entities in contracts traded on designated contract markets, over-the-counter markets, derivatives transaction execution facilities, foreign boards of trade subject to section 4(f), and electronic trading facilities with respect to significant price discovery contracts not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and issue a final rule within 180 days after such date of enactment.

‘(2) DISAGGREGATION OF INDEX FUNDS AND OTHER DATA IN MARKETS- Subject to section 8 and beginning within 60 days of the issuance of the final rule required by paragraph (1), the Commission shall disaggregate and make public weekly--

‘(A) the number of positions and total notional value of index funds and other passive, long-only and short-only positions (as defined by the Commission) in all markets to the extent such information is available; and

‘(B) data on speculative positions relative to bona fide physical hedgers in those markets to the extent such information is available.

‘(3) DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY OF HOLDERS OF POSITIONS IN INDEXES IN EXCESS OF POSITION LIMITS- The Commission shall include in its weekly Commitment of Trader reports the identity of each person who holds a position in an index in excess of a limit imposed under section 4i.’.

(i) Authority to Set Limits to Prevent Excessive Speculation in Indexes-

(1) IN GENERAL- Section 4a of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(f) The provisions of this section shall apply to the amounts of trading which may be done or positions which may be held by any person under contracts of sale of an index for future delivery on or subject to the rules of any contract market, derivatives transaction execution facility, or over-the-counter market, or on an electronic trading facility with respect to a significant price discovery contract, in the same manner in which this section applies to contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery.’.

(2) REGULATIONS- The Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall issue regulations under section 4a(f) of the Commodity Exchange Act within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 352. NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.

Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(j) This Act shall not be interpreted to affect the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with respect to the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.), the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717 et seq.), or other law to obtain information, carry out enforcement actions, or otherwise carry out the responsibilities of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.’.

SEC. 353. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.

(a) Elevation of Office-

(1) INCLUSION OF CFTC IN DEFINITION OF ESTABLISHMENT-

(A) Section 12(1) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking ‘or the Federal Cochairpersons of the

Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code;’ and inserting ‘the Federal Cochairpersons of the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code; or the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;’.

(B) Section 12(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking ‘or the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code,’ and inserting ‘the Commissions established under section 15301 of title 40, United States Code, or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,’.

(2) EXCLUSION OF CFTC FROM DEFINITION OF DESIGNATED FEDERAL ENTITY- Section 8G(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking ‘the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,’.

(b) Provisions Relating to Pay and Personnel Authority-

(1) PROVISION RELATING TO THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE CFTC- In the case of the Inspector General of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, subsections (b) and (c) of section 4 of the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-409) shall apply in the same manner as if the Commission was a designated Federal entity under section 8G. The Inspector General of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission shall not be subject to section 3(e) of such Act.

(2) PROVISION RELATING TO OTHER PERSONNEL- Notwithstanding paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 6(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), the Inspector General of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General and to obtain the temporary or intermittent services of experts or consultants or an organization of experts or consultants, subject to the applicable laws and regulations that govern such selections,

appointments, and employment, and the obtaining of such services, within the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.

(c) Effective Date; Transition Rule-

(1) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendments made by this section shall take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) TRANSITION RULE- An individual serving as Inspector General of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on the effective date of this section pursuant to an appointment made under section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)--

(A) may continue so serving until the President makes an appointment under section 3(a) of such Act consistent with the amendments made by this section; and

(B) shall, while serving under subparagraph (A), remain subject to the provisions of section 8G of such Act which apply with respect to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SEC. 354. SETTLEMENT AND CLEARING THROUGH REGISTERED DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) In General-

(1) APPLICATION TO EXCLUDED DERIVATIVE TRANSACTIONS-

(A) Section 2(d)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(d)(1)) is amended--

(i) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (A);

(ii) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting ‘; and’; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

‘(C) except as provided in section 4(f), the agreement, contract, or transaction is settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission.’.

(B) Section 2(d)(2) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(d)(2)) is amended--

(i) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (B);

(ii) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting ‘; and’; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

‘(D) except as provided in section 4(f), the agreement, contract, or transaction is settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission.’.

(2) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN SWAP TRANSACTIONS- Section 2(g) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(g)) is amended--

(A) by striking ‘and’ at the end of paragraph (2);

(B) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting ‘; and’; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

‘(4) except as provided in section 4(f), settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission.’.

(3) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS IN EXEMPT COMMODITIES-

(A) Section 2(h)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(1)) is amended--

(i) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (A);

(ii) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting ‘; and’; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

‘(C) except as provided in section 4(f), is settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission.’.

(B) Section 2(h)(3) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(3)) is amended--

(i) by striking ‘and’ at the end of subparagraph (A);

(ii) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting ‘; and’; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

‘(C) except as provided in section 4(f), settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission.’.

(4) GENERAL EXEMPTIVE AUTHORITY- Section 4(c)(1) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)(1)) is amended by inserting ‘the agreement, contract, or transaction, except as provided in section 4(h), will be settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission and’ before ‘the Commission determines’.

(5) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO SIGNIFICANT PRICE DISCOVERY CONTRACTS- Section 2(h)(7)(D) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)(7)(D)) is amended by striking the designation and heading for the subparagraph and all that follows through ‘As part of’ and inserting the following:

‘(D) REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION- As part of’.

(b) Alternatives to Clearing Through Designated Clearing Organizations- Section 4 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 6), as amended by section 351(h) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(f) Alternatives to Clearing Through Designated Clearing Organizations-

‘(1) SETTLEMENT AND CLEARING THROUGH CERTAIN OTHER REGULATED ENTITIES- An agreement, contract, or transaction, or class thereof, relating to an excluded commodity, that would otherwise be required to be settled and cleared by section 2(d)(1)(C), 2(d)(2)(D), 2(g)(4), 2(h)(1)(C), or 2(h)(3)(C) of this Act, or subsection (c)(1) of this section may be settled and cleared through an entity listed in subsections (a) or (b) of section 409 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991.

‘(2) WAIVER OF CLEARING REQUIREMENT-

‘(A) The Commission, in its discretion, may exempt an agreement, contract, or transaction, or class thereof, that would otherwise be required by section 2(d)(1)(C), 2(d)(2)(D), 2(g)(4), 2(h)(1)(C), or 2(h)(3)(C) of this Act, or subsection (c)(1) of this section to be settled and cleared through a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission from such requirement.

‘(B) In granting exemptions pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Commission shall consult with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System regarding exemptions that relate to excluded commodities or entities for which the Securities Exchange Commission or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System serve as the primary regulator.

‘(C) Before granting an exemption pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Commission shall find that the agreement, contract, or transaction, or class thereof--

‘(i) is highly customized as to its material terms and conditions;

‘(ii) is transacted infrequently;

‘(iii) does not serve a significant price-discovery function in the marketplace; and

‘(iv) is being entered into by parties who can demonstrate the financial integrity of the agreement, contract, or transaction and their own financial integrity, as such terms and standards are determined by the Commission. The standards may include, with respect to any federally regulated financial entity for which net capital requirements are imposed, a net capital requirement associated with any agreement, contract, or transaction subject to an exemption from the clearing requirement that is higher than the net capital requirement that would be associated with such a transaction were it cleared.

‘(D) Any agreement, contract, or transaction, or class thereof, which is exempted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be reported to the Commission in a manner designated by the Commission, or to such other entity the Commission deems appropriate.

‘(E) The Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall enter into a memorandum of understanding by which the information reported to the Commission pursuant to subparagraph (D) with regard to excluded commodities or entities for which the Securities

Exchange Commission or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System serve as the primary regulator may be provided to the other agencies.

‘(g) Spot and Forward Exclusion- The settlement and clearing requirements of section 2(d)(1)(C), 2(d)(2)(D), 2(g)(4), 2(h)(1)(C), 2(h)(3)(C), or 4(c)(1) shall not apply to an agreement, contract, or transaction of any cash commodity for immediate or deferred shipment or delivery, as defined by the Commission.’.

(c) Additional Requirements Applicable to Applicants for Registration as a Derivative Clearing Organization- Section 5b(c)(2) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 7a-1(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(O) DISCLOSURE OF GENERAL INFORMATION-
The applicant shall disclose publicly and to the Commission information concerning--

‘(i) the terms and conditions of contracts, agreements, and transactions cleared and settled by the applicant;

‘(ii) the conventions, mechanisms, and practices applicable to the contracts, agreements, and transactions;

‘(iii) the margin-setting methodology and the size and composition of the financial resource package of the applicant; and

‘(iv) other information relevant to participation in the settlement and clearing activities of the applicant.

‘(P) DAILY PUBLICATION OF TRADING INFORMATION- The applicant shall make public daily information on settlement prices, volume, and open interest for contracts settled or cleared pursuant to the requirements of section 2(d)(1)(C), 2(d)(2)(D), 2(g)(4), 2(h)(1)(C),

2(h)(3)(C) or 4(c)(1) of this Act by the applicant if the Commission determines that the contracts perform a significant price discovery function for transactions in the cash market for the commodity underlying the contracts.

‘(Q) FITNESS STANDARDS- The applicant shall establish and enforce appropriate fitness standards for directors, members of any disciplinary committee, and members of the applicant, and any other persons with direct access to the settlement or clearing activities of the applicant, including any parties affiliated with any of the persons described in this subparagraph.’.

(d) Amendments-

(1) Section 409 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 4422) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(c) Clearing Requirement- A multilateral clearing organization described in subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall comply with requirements similar to the requirements of sections 5b and 5c of the Commodity Exchange Act.’.

(2) Section 407 of the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 27e) is amended by inserting ‘and the settlement and clearing requirements of sections 2(d)(1)(C), 2(d)(2)(D), 2(g)(4), 2(h)(1)(C), 2(h)(3)(C), and 4(c)(1) of such Act’ after ‘the clearing of covered swap agreements’.

(e) Effective Date- The amendments made by this section shall take effect 150 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) Transition Rule- Any agreement, contract, or transaction entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act or within 150 days after such date of enactment, in reliance on subsection (d), (g), (h)(1), or (h)(3) of section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act or any other exemption issued by

the Commission Futures Trading Commission by rule, regulation, or order shall, within 90 days after such date of enactment, unless settled and cleared through an entity registered with the Commission as a derivatives clearing organization or another clearing entity pursuant to section 4(f) of such Act, be reported to the Commission in a manner designated by the Commission, or to such other entity as the Commission deems appropriate.

SEC. 355. LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE A CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP.

(a) In General- Section 4c of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(h) Limitation on Eligibility to Purchase a Credit Default Swap- It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into a credit default swap unless the person--

‘(1) owns a credit instrument which is insured by the credit default swap;

‘(2) would experience financial loss if an event that is the subject of the credit default swap occurs with respect to the credit instrument; and

‘(3) meets such minimum capital adequacy standards as may be established by the Commission, in consultation with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or such more stringent minimum capital adequacy standards as may be established by or under the law of any State in which the swap is originated or entered into, or in which possession of the contract involved takes place.’.

(b) Elimination of Preemption of State Bucketing Laws Regarding Naked Credit Default Swaps- Section 12(e)(2)(B) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 16(e)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting ‘(other than a credit default swap in which the purchaser of the swap would not experience financial loss if an

event that is the subject of the swap occurred)’ before ‘that is excluded’.

(c) Definition of Credit Default Swap- Section 1a of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1a), as amended by section 351(a) of this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘(37) CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP- The term ‘credit default swap’ means a contract which insures a party to the contract against the risk that an entity may experience a loss of value as a result of an event specified in the contract, such as a default or credit downgrade. A credit default swap that is traded on or cleared by a registered entity shall be excluded from the definition of a security as defined in this Act and in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933 or section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except it shall be deemed a security solely for purpose of enforcing prohibitions against insider trading in sections 10 and 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.’.

(d) Effective Date- The amendments made by this section shall be effective for credit default swaps (as defined in section 1a(37) of the Commodity Exchange Act) entered into after 60 days after the date of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 356. TRANSACTION FEES.

(a) In General- Section 12 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 16) is amended by redesignating subsections (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (f), (g), and (h), respectively, and inserting after subsection (d) the following:

‘(e) Clearing Fees-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Commission shall, in accordance with this subsection, charge and collect from each registered clearing organization, and each such organization shall pay to the Commission, transaction fees at a rate calculated to recover

the costs to the Federal Government of the supervision and regulation of futures markets, except those directly related to enforcement.

‘(2) FEES ASSESSED PER SIDE OF CLEARED CONTRACTS-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The Commission shall determine the fee rate referred to in paragraph (1), and shall apply the fee rate per side of any transaction cleared.

‘(B) AUTHORITY TO DELEGATE- The Commission may determine the procedures by which the fee rate is to be applied on the transactions subject to the fee, or delegate the authority to make the determination to any appropriate derivatives clearing organization.

‘(3) EXEMPTIONS- The Commission may not impose a fee under paragraph (1) on--

‘(A) a class of contracts or transactions if the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to exempt the class from the fee; or

‘(B) a contract or transaction cleared by a registered derivatives clearing organization that is--

‘(i) subject to fees under section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or

‘(ii) a security as defined in the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

‘(4) DATES FOR PAYMENT OF FEES- The fees imposed under paragraph (1) shall be paid on or before--

‘(A) March 15 of each year, with respect to transactions

occurring on or after the preceding September 1 and on or before the preceding December 31; and

‘(B) September 15 of each year, with respect to transactions occurring on or after the preceding January 1 and on or before the preceding August 31.

‘(5) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF FEE RATES-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- Not later than April 30 of each fiscal year , the Commission shall, by order, adjust each fee rate determined under paragraph (2) for the fiscal year to a uniform adjusted rate that, when applied to the estimated aggregate number of cleared sides of transactions for the fiscal year, is reasonably likely to produce aggregate fee receipts under this subsection for the fiscal year equal to the target offsetting receipt amount for the fiscal year.

‘(B) DEFINITIONS- In subparagraph (A):

‘(i) ESTIMATED AGGREGATE NUMBER OF CLEARED SIDES OF TRANSACTIONS- The term ‘estimated aggregate number of cleared sides of transactions’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, the aggregate number of cleared sides of transactions to be cleared by registered derivatives clearing organizations during the fiscal year, as estimated by the Commission, after consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, using the methodology required for making projections pursuant to section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

‘(ii) TARGET OFFSETTING RECEIPT AMOUNT- The term ‘target offsetting receipt amount’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, the total level of Commission budget authority for all non-enforcement activities of the Commission, as contained in the regular

appropriations Acts for the fiscal year.

‘(C) NO JUDICIAL REVIEW- An adjusted fee rate prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall not be subject to judicial review.

‘(6) PUBLICATION- Not later than April 30 of each fiscal year, the Commission shall cause to be published in the Federal Register notices of the fee rates applicable under this subsection for the succeeding fiscal year, and any estimate or projection on which the fee rates are based.

‘(7) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURES AND OPTIONS TRANSACTION FEE ACCOUNT; DEPOSIT OF FEES- There is established in the Treasury of the United States an account which shall be known as the ‘Futures and Options Transaction Fee Account’. All fees collected under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be deposited in the account. Amounts in the account are authorized to be appropriated to fund the expenditures of the Commission.’.

(b) Effective Date- The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to fiscal years beginning 30 or more days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) Transition Rule- If this section becomes law after March 31 and before September 1 of a fiscal year, then paragraphs (5)(A) and (6) of section 12(e) of the Commodity Exchange Act shall be applied, in the case of the 1st fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, by substituting ‘August 31’ for ‘April 30’.

SEC. 357. NO EFFECT ON ANTITRUST LAW OR AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

(a) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to modify, impair, or supersede the operation of any of the antitrust laws. For purposes of this subsection,

the term ‘antitrust laws’ has the meaning given it in subsection (a) of the 1st section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that such term includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that such term applies to unfair methods of competition.

(b) Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to affect or diminish the jurisdiction or authority of the Federal Trade Commission with respect to its authorities under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) or the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140) to obtain information, to carry out enforcement activities, or otherwise to carry out the responsibilities of the Federal Trade Commission.

SEC. 358. EFFECT OF DERIVATIVES REGULATORY REFORM LEGISLATION.

(a) Statutes- Upon the passage of legislation that includes derivatives regulatory reform, sections 351, 352, 354, 355, 356, and 357 shall be repealed.

(b) Regulations- Upon the passage of legislation that includes derivatives regulatory reform, any regulations promulgated under section 351, 352, 354, 355, 356, or 357 shall be considered null and void.

SEC. 359. CEASE-AND-DESIST AUTHORITY.

(a) Natural Gas Act- Section 20 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717s) is amended by adding the following at the end:

‘(e) Cease-and-desist Proceedings; Temporary Orders; Authority of the Commission-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- If the Commission finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that any entity may be violating, may have violated, or may be about to violate any provision of this Act, or any rule, regulation, restriction, condition, or order made or imposed by the Commission under the authority of this Act,

the Commission may publish its findings and issue an order requiring such entity, and any other entity that is, was, or would be a cause of the violation, due to an act or omission the entity knew or should have known would contribute to such violation, to cease and desist from committing or causing such violation and any future violation of the same provision, rule, or regulation. Such order may, in addition to requiring an entity to cease and desist from committing or causing a violation, require such entity to comply, to provide an accounting and disgorgement, or to take steps to effect compliance, with such provision, rule, or regulation, upon such terms and conditions and within such time as the Commission may specify in such order. Any such order may, as the Commission deems appropriate, require future compliance or steps to effect future compliance, either permanently or for such period of time as the Commission may specify.

‘(2) TIMING OF ENTRY- An order issued under this subsection shall be entered only after notice and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Commission determines that notice and hearing prior to entry would be impracticable or contrary to the public interest.

‘(f) Hearing- The notice instituting proceedings pursuant to subsection (e) shall fix a hearing date not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after service of the notice unless an earlier or a later date is set by the Commission with the consent of any respondent so served.

‘(g) Temporary Order- Whenever the Commission determines that--

‘(1) a respondent may take actions to dissipate or convert assets prior to the completion of the proceedings referred to in subsection (e), and such assets would be necessary to comply with or otherwise satisfy a final enforcement order of the Commission pursuant to alleged violations or threatened

violations specified in the notice instituting proceedings; or

‘(2) a respondent is engaged in actual or threatened violations of this Act or a Commission rule, regulation, restriction or order referred to in subsection (e),

the Commission may issue a temporary order requiring the respondent to take such action to prevent dissipation or conversion of assets, significant harm to energy consumers, or substantial harm to the public interest, frustration of the Commission’s ability to conduct the proceedings, or frustration of the Commission’s ability to redress said violation at the conclusion of the proceedings, as the Commission deems appropriate pending completion of such proceedings.

‘(h) Review of Temporary Orders-

‘(1) COMMISSION REVIEW- At any time after the respondent has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order pursuant to subsection (g), the respondent may apply to the Commission to have the order set aside, limited, or suspended. If the respondent has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered without a prior Commission hearing, the respondent may, within 10 days after the date on which the order was served, request a hearing on such application and the Commission shall hold a hearing and render a decision on such application at the earliest possible time.

‘(2) JUDICIAL REVIEW- Within--

‘(A) 10 days after the date the respondent was served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered with a prior Commission hearing; or

‘(B) 10 days after the Commission renders a decision on an application and hearing under paragraph (1),

with respect to any temporary cease-and-desist order entered

without a prior Commission hearing, the respondent may apply to the United States circuit court having jurisdiction over the circuit in which the respondent resides or has its principal place of business, or to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, for an order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the effectiveness or enforcement of the order, and the court shall have jurisdiction to enter such an order. A respondent served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered without a prior Commission hearing may not apply to the court except after hearing and decision by the Commission on the respondent's application under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

‘(3) NO AUTOMATIC STAY OF TEMPORARY ORDER- The commencement of proceedings under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commission's order.

‘(4) EXCLUSIVE REVIEW- Sections 19(d) and 24 shall not apply to a temporary order entered pursuant to this section.

‘(i) Implementation- The Commission is authorized to adopt rules, regulations, and orders as it deems appropriate to implement this section.’.

(c) Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978- Section 504 of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3414) is amended by adding the following at the end:

‘(d) Cease-and-desist Proceedings; Temporary Orders; Authority of the Commission-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- If the Commission finds, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that any entity may be violating, may have violated, or may be about to violate any provision of this Act, or any rule, regulation, restriction, condition, or order made or imposed by the Commission under the authority of this Act,

the Commission may publish its findings and issue an order requiring such entity, and any other entity that is, was, or would be a cause of the violation, due to an act or omission the entity knew or should have known would contribute to such violation, to cease and desist from committing or causing such violation and any future violation of the same provision, rule, or regulation. Such order may, in addition to requiring an entity to cease and desist from committing or causing a violation, require such entity to comply, to provide an accounting and disgorgement, or to take steps to effect compliance, with such provision, rule, or regulation, upon such terms and conditions and within such time as the Commission may specify in such order. Any such order may, as the Commission deems appropriate, require future compliance or steps to effect future compliance, either permanently or for such period of time as the Commission may specify.

‘(2) TIMING OF ENTRY- An order issued under this subsection shall be entered only after notice and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Commission determines that notice and hearing prior to entry would be impracticable or contrary to the public interest.

‘(3) HEARING- The notice instituting proceedings pursuant to paragraph (1) shall fix a hearing date not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after service of the notice unless an earlier or a later date is set by the Commission with the consent of any respondent so served.

‘(4) TEMPORARY ORDER- Whenever the Commission determines that--

‘(A) a respondent may take actions to dissipate or convert assets prior to the completion of the proceedings referred to in paragraph (1) and such assets would be necessary to comply with or otherwise satisfy a final enforcement order

of the Commission pursuant to alleged violations or threatened violations specified in the notice instituting proceedings; or

‘(B) a respondent is engaged in actual or threatened violations of this Act or a Commission rule, regulation, restriction or order referred to in paragraph (1),

the Commission may issue a temporary order requiring the respondent to take such action to prevent dissipation or conversion of assets, significant harm to energy consumers, or substantial harm to the public interest, frustration of the Commission’s ability to conduct the proceedings, or frustration of the Commission’s ability to redress said violation at the conclusion of the proceedings, as the Commission deems appropriate pending completion of such proceedings.

‘(5) REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ORDERS-

‘(A) COMMISSION REVIEW- At any time after the respondent has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order pursuant to paragraph (4), the respondent may apply to the Commission to have the order set aside, limited, or suspended. If the respondent has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered without a prior Commission hearing, the respondent may, within 10 days after the date on which the order was served, request a hearing on such application and the Commission shall hold a hearing and render a decision on such application at the earliest possible time.

‘(B) JUDICIAL REVIEW- Within--

‘(i) 10 days after the date the respondent was served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered with a prior Commission hearing; or

‘(ii) 10 days after the Commission renders a decision on an application and hearing under subparagraph (A), with respect to any temporary cease-and-desist order entered without a prior Commission hearing, the respondent may apply to the United States circuit court having jurisdiction over the circuit in which the respondent resides or has its principal place of business, or to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, for an order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the effectiveness or enforcement of the order, and the court shall have jurisdiction to enter such an order. A respondent served with a temporary cease-and-desist order entered without a prior Commission hearing may not apply to the court except after hearing and decision by the Commission on the respondent’s application under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

‘(C) NO AUTOMATIC STAY OF TEMPORARY ORDER- The commencement of proceedings under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the Commission’s order.

‘(6) IMPLEMENTATION- The Commission is authorized to adopt rules, regulations, and orders as it deems appropriate to implement this subsection.’.

SEC. 360. PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.

Not later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall review the offset regulations and derivatives regulations promulgated pursuant to the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. The President shall determine whether such regulations adequately protect the United States financial system from systemic risk.

TITLE IV--TRANSITIONING TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Subtitle A--Ensuring Real Reductions in Industrial Emissions

SEC. 401. ENSURING REAL REDUCTIONS IN INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS.

Title VII of the Clean Air Act is amended by inserting after part E the following new part:

‘PART F--ENSURING REAL REDUCTIONS IN INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS

‘SEC. 761. PURPOSES.

‘(a) Purposes of Part- The purposes of this part are--

‘(1) to promote a strong global effort to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and, through this global effort, stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system; and

‘(2) to prevent an increase in greenhouse gas emissions in countries other than the United States as a result of direct and indirect compliance costs incurred under this title.

‘(b) Purposes of Subpart 1- The purposes of subpart 1 are additionally--

‘(1) to provide a rebate to the owners and operators of entities in domestic eligible industrial sectors for their greenhouse gas emission costs incurred under this title, but not for costs

associated with other related or unrelated market dynamics;

‘(2) to design such rebates in a way that will prevent carbon leakage while also rewarding innovation and facility-level investments in energy efficiency performance improvements; and

‘(3) to eliminate or reduce distribution of emission allowances under subpart 1 when such distribution is no longer necessary to prevent carbon leakage from eligible industrial sectors.

‘(c) Purposes of Subpart 2- The purposes of subpart 2 are additionally--

‘(1) to induce foreign countries, and, in particular, fast-growing developing countries, to take substantial action with respect to their greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Bali Action Plan developed under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

‘(2) to ensure that the measures described in subpart 2 are designed and implemented in a manner consistent with applicable international agreements to which the United States is a party.

‘SEC. 762. DEFINITIONS.

‘In this part:

‘(1) CARBON LEAKAGE- The term ‘carbon leakage’ means any substantial increase (as determined by the Administrator) in greenhouse gas emissions by industrial entities located in other countries if such increase is caused by an incremental cost of production increase in the United States resulting from the implementation of this title.

‘(2) COVERED GOOD- The term ‘covered good’ means a

good that, as identified by the Administrator by regulation, is either--

‘(A) entered under a heading or subheading of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States that corresponds to the NAICS code for an eligible industrial sector, as established in the concordance between NAICS codes and the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States prepared by the United States Census Bureau; or

‘(B) a manufactured item for consumption.

‘(3) ELIGIBLE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR- The term ‘eligible industrial sector’ means an industrial sector determined by the Administrator under section 763(b) to be eligible to receive emission allowance rebates under subpart 1.

‘(4) INDUSTRIAL SECTOR- The term ‘industrial sector’ means any sector that is in the manufacturing sector (as defined in NAICS codes 31, 32, and 33) or that beneficiates or otherwise processes (including agglomeration) metal ores, including iron and copper ores, soda ash, or phosphate. The extraction of metal ores, soda ash, or phosphate shall not be considered to be an industrial sector.

‘(5) MANUFACTURED ITEM FOR CONSUMPTION-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The term ‘manufactured item for consumption’ means any good--

‘(i) that includes in substantial amounts one or more goods like the goods produced by an eligible industrial sector;

‘(ii) with respect to which an international reserve allowance program pursuant to subpart 2 is in effect with regard to the eligible industrial sector and the

quantity of international reserve allowances is not zero pursuant to section 768(b);

‘(iii) with respect to which the trade intensity of the industrial sector that produces the good, as measured consistent with section 763(b)(2)(A)(iii), is at least 15 percent; and

‘(iv) for which the domestic producers of the good have demonstrated, and the Administrator has determined, that the application of the international reserve allowance program pursuant to subpart 2 is technically and administratively feasible and appropriate to achieve the purposes of this part, taking into account the energy and greenhouse gas intensity of the industrial sector that produces the good, as measured consistent with section 763(b)(2)(A)(ii), and the ability of such producers to pass on cost increases and other appropriate factors.

‘(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION- A determination of the Administrator under subparagraph (A)(iv) shall not be considered to be a determination of the President under section 767(b).

‘(6) NAICS- The term ‘NAICS’ means the North American Industrial Classification System of 2002.

‘(7) OUTPUT- The term ‘output’ means the total tonnage or other standard unit of production (as determined by the Administrator) produced by an entity in an industrial sector. The output of the cement sector is hydraulic cement, and not clinker.

‘Subpart 1--Emission Allowance Rebate Program

‘SEC. 763. ELIGIBLE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.

‘(a) List-

‘(1) INITIAL LIST- Not later than June 30, 2011, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register a list of eligible industrial sectors pursuant to subsection (b). Such list shall include the amount of the emission allowance rebate per unit of production that shall be provided to entities in each eligible industrial sector in the following two calendar years pursuant to section 764.

‘(2) SUBSEQUENT LISTS- Not later than February 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register an updated version of the list published under paragraph (1).

‘(b) Eligible Industrial Sectors-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- Not later than June 30, 2011, the Administrator shall promulgate a rule designating, based on the criteria under paragraph (2), the industrial sectors eligible for emission allowance rebates under this subpart.

‘(2) PRESUMPTIVELY ELIGIBLE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS-

‘(A) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- An owner or operator of an entity shall be eligible to receive emission allowance rebates under this subpart if such entity is in an industrial sector that is included in a six-digit classification of the NAICS that meets the criteria in both clauses (ii) and (iii), or the criteria in clause (iv).

‘(ii) ENERGY OR GREENHOUSE GAS

INTENSITY- As determined by the Administrator, the industrial sector had--

‘(I) an energy intensity of at least 5 percent, calculated by dividing the cost of purchased electricity and fuel costs of the sector by the value of the shipments of the sector, based on data described in subparagraph (D); or

‘(II) a greenhouse gas intensity of at least 5 percent, calculated by dividing--

‘(aa) the number 20 multiplied by the number of tons of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gas emissions (including direct emissions from fuel combustion, process emissions, and indirect emissions from the generation of electricity used to produce the output of the sector) of the sector based on data described in subparagraph (D); by

‘(bb) the value of the shipments of the sector, based on data described in subparagraph (D).

‘(iii) TRADE INTENSITY- As determined by the Administrator, the industrial sector had a trade intensity of at least 15 percent, calculated by dividing the value of the total imports and exports of such sector by the value of the shipments plus the value of imports of such sector, based on data described in subparagraph (D).

‘(iv) VERY HIGH ENERGY OR GREENHOUSE GAS INTENSITY- As determined by the Administrator, the industrial sector had an energy or greenhouse gas intensity, as calculated under clause (ii)(I) or (II), of at least 20 percent.

‘(B) METAL AND PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION
CLASSIFIED UNDER MORE THAN ONE NAICS

CODE- For purposes of this section, the Administrator shall--

‘(i) aggregate data for the beneficiation or other processing (including agglomeration) of metal ores, including iron and copper ores, soda ash, or phosphate with subsequent steps in the process of metal and phosphate manufacturing, regardless of the NAICS code under which such activity is classified; and

‘(ii) aggregate data for the manufacturing of steel with the manufacturing of steel pipe and tube made from purchased steel in a nonintegrated process.

‘(C) EXCLUSION- The petroleum refining sector shall not be an eligible industrial sector.

‘(D) DATA SOURCES-

‘(i) ELECTRICITY AND FUEL COSTS, VALUE OF SHIPMENTS- The Administrator shall determine electricity and fuel costs and the value of shipments under this subsection from data from the United States Census Annual Survey of Manufacturers. The Administrator shall take the average of data from as many of the years of 2004, 2005, and 2006 for which such data are available. If such data are unavailable, the Administrator shall make a determination based upon 2002 or 2006 data from the most detailed industrial classification level of Energy Information Agency’s Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (using 2006 data if it is available) and the 2002 or 2007 Economic Census of the United States (using 2007 data if it is available). If data from the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey or Economic Census are unavailable for any sector at the six-digit classification level in the NAICS, then the Administrator may

extrapolate the information necessary to determine the eligibility of a sector under this paragraph from available Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey or Economic Census data pertaining to a broader industrial category classified in the NAICS. If data relating to the beneficiation or other processing (including agglomeration) of metal ores, including iron and copper ores, soda ash, or phosphate are not available from the specified data sources, the Administrator shall use the best available Federal or State government data and may use, to the extent necessary, representative data submitted by entities that perform such beneficiation or other processing (including agglomeration), in making a determination. Fuel cost data shall not include the cost of fuel used as feedstock by an industrial sector.

‘(ii) IMPORTS AND EXPORTS- The Administrator shall base the value of imports and exports under this subsection on United States International Trade Commission data. The Administrator shall take the average of data from as many of the years of 2004, 2005, and 2006 for which such data are available. If data from the United States International Trade Commission are unavailable for any sector at the six-digit classification level in the NAICS, then the Administrator may extrapolate the information necessary to determine the eligibility of a sector under this paragraph from available United States International Trade Commission data pertaining to a broader industrial category classified in the NAICS.

‘(iii) PERCENTAGES- The Administrator shall round the energy intensity, greenhouse gas intensity, and trade intensity percentages under subparagraph (A) to the nearest whole number.

‘(iv) GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION

CALCULATIONS- When calculating the tons of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gas emissions for each sector under subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)(aa), the Administrator--

‘(I) shall use the best available data from as many of the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 for which such data is available; and

‘(II) may, to the extent necessary with respect to a sector, use economic and engineering models and the best available information on technology performance levels for such sector.

‘(3) ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATION OF
ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS-

‘(A) UPDATED TRADE INTENSITY DATA- The Administrator shall designate as eligible to receive emission allowance rebates under this subpart an industrial sector that--

‘(i) met the energy or greenhouse gas intensity criteria in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) as of the date of promulgation of the rule under paragraph (1); and

‘(ii) meets the trade intensity criteria in paragraph (2)(A)(iii), using data from any year after 2006.

‘(B) INDIVIDUAL SHOWING PETITION-

‘(i) PETITION- In addition to designation under paragraph (2) or subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the owner or operator of an entity in an industrial sector may petition the Administrator to designate as eligible industrial sectors under this subpart an entity or a group

of entities that--

‘(I) represent a subsector of a six-digit section of the NAICS code; and

‘(II) meet the eligibility criteria in both clauses (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (2)(A), or the eligibility criteria in clause (iv) of paragraph (2)(A).

‘(ii) DATA- In making a determination under this subparagraph, the Administrator shall consider data submitted by the petitioner that is specific to the entity, data solicited by the Administrator from other entities in the subsector, if such other entities exist, and data specified in paragraph (2)(D).

‘(iii) BASIS OF SUBSECTOR DETERMINATION- The Administrator shall determine an entity or group of entities to be a subsector of a six-digit section of the NAICS code based only upon the products manufactured and not the industrial process by which the products are manufactured, except that the Administrator may determine an entity or group of entities that manufacture a product from primarily virgin material to be a separate subsector from another entity or group of entities that manufacture the same product primarily from recycled material.

‘(iv) USE OF MOST RECENT DATA- In determining whether to designate a sector or subsector as an eligible industrial sector under this subparagraph, the Administrator shall use the most recent data available from the sources described in paragraph (2)(D), rather than the data from the years specified in paragraph (2)(D), to determine the trade intensity of such sector or subsector, but only for determining such trade intensity.

‘(v) FINAL ACTION- The Administrator shall take final action on such petition no later than 6 months after the petition is received by the Administrator.

‘SEC. 764. DISTRIBUTION OF EMISSION ALLOWANCE REBATES.

‘(a) Distribution Schedule-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- For each vintage year, the Administrator shall distribute pursuant to this section emission allowances made available under section 782(e), no later than October 31 of the preceding calendar year. The Administrator shall make such annual distributions to the owners and operators of each entity in an eligible industrial sector in the amount of emission allowances calculated under subsection (b), except that--

‘(A) for vintage years 2012 and 2013, the distribution for a covered entity shall be pursuant to the entity’s indirect carbon factor as calculated under subsection (b)(3);

‘(B) for vintage year 2026 and thereafter, the distribution shall be pursuant to the amount calculated under subsection (b) multiplied by, except as modified by the President pursuant to section 767(d)(1)(C) for a sector--

‘(i) 90 percent for vintage year 2026;

‘(ii) 80 percent for vintage year 2027;

‘(iii) 70 percent for vintage year 2028;

‘(iv) 60 percent for vintage year 2029;

‘(v) 50 percent for vintage year 2030;

‘(vi) 40 percent for vintage year 2031;

‘(vii) 30 percent for vintage year 2032;

‘(viii) 20 percent for vintage year 2033;

‘(ix) 10 percent for vintage year 2034; and

‘(x) 0 percent for vintage year 2035 and thereafter.

‘(2) RESUMPTION OF REDUCTION- If the President has modified the percentage stated in paragraph (1)(B) under section 767(d)(1)(C), and the President subsequently makes a determination under section 767(c) for an eligible industrial sector that more than 85 percent of United States imports for that sector are produced or manufactured in countries that have met at least one of the criteria in that section, then the 10-year reduction schedule set forth in paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection shall begin in the next vintage year, with the percentage reduction based on the amount of the distribution of emission allowances under this section in the previous year.

‘(3) NEWLY ELIGIBLE SECTORS- In addition to receiving a distribution of emission allowances under this section in the first distribution occurring after an industrial sector is designated as eligible under section 763(b)(3), the owner or operator of an entity in that eligible industrial sector may receive a prorated share of any emission allowances made available for distribution under this section that were not distributed for the year in which the petition for eligibility was granted under section 763(b)(3)(A).

‘(4) CESSATION OF QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES- If, as determined by the Administrator, a facility is no longer in an eligible industrial sector designated under section 763--

‘(A) the Administrator shall not distribute emission allowances to the owner or operator of such facility under this section; and

‘(B) the owner or operator of such facility shall return to the Administrator all allowances that have been distributed to it for future vintage years and a pro-rated amount of allowances distributed to the facility under this section for the vintage year in which the facility ceases to be in an eligible industrial sector designated under section 763.

‘(b) Calculation of Direct and Indirect Carbon Factors-

‘(1) IN GENERAL-

‘(A) COVERED ENTITIES- Except as provided in subsection (a), for covered entities that are in eligible industrial sectors, the amount of emission allowance rebates shall be based on the sum of the covered entity’s direct and indirect carbon factors.

‘(B) OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES- For entities that are in eligible industrial sectors but are not covered entities, the amount of emission allowance rebates shall be based on the entity’s indirect carbon factor.

‘(C) NEW ENTITIES- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, the Administrator shall issue regulations governing the distribution of emission allowance rebates for the first and second years of operation of a new entity in an eligible industrial sector. These regulations shall provide for--

‘(i) the distribution of emission allowance rebates to such entities based on comparable entities in the same sector; and

‘(ii) an adjustment in the third and fourth years of operation to reconcile the total amount of emission allowance rebates received during the first and second years of operation to the amount the entity would have

received during the first and second years of operation had the appropriate data been available.

‘(2) DIRECT CARBON FACTOR- The direct carbon factor for a covered entity for a vintage year is the product of--

‘(A) the average annual output of the covered entity for the 2 years preceding the year of the distribution; and

‘(B) the most recent calculation of the average direct greenhouse gas emissions (expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) per unit of output for all covered entities in the sector, as determined by the Administrator under paragraph (4).

‘(3) INDIRECT CARBON FACTOR-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- The indirect carbon factor for an entity for a vintage year is the product obtained by multiplying the average annual output of the entity for the 2 years preceding the year of the distribution by both the electricity emissions intensity factor determined pursuant to subparagraph (B) and the electricity efficiency factor determined pursuant to subparagraph (C) for the year concerned.

‘(B) ELECTRICITY EMISSIONS INTENSITY FACTOR-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- Each person selling electricity to the owner or operator of an entity in any sector designated as an eligible industrial sector under section 763(b) shall provide the owner or operator of the entity and the Administrator, on an annual basis, the electricity emissions intensity factor for the entity. The electricity emissions intensity factor for the entity, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalents per kilowatt hour, is determined by dividing--

‘(I) the annual sum of the hourly product of--

‘(aa) the electricity purchased by the entity from that person in each hour (expressed in kilowatt hours); multiplied by

‘(bb) the marginal or weighted average tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilowatt hour that are reflected in the electricity charges to the entity, as determined by the entity’s retail rate arrangements; by

‘(II) the total kilowatt hours of electricity purchased by the entity from that person during that year.

‘(ii) **USE OF OTHER DATA TO DETERMINE FACTOR-** Where it is not possible to determine the precise electricity emissions intensity factor for an entity using the methodology in clause (i), the person selling electricity shall use the monthly average data reported by the Energy Information Administration or collected and reported by the Administrator for the utility serving the entity to determine the electricity emissions intensity factor.

‘(C) **ELECTRICITY EFFICIENCY FACTOR-** The electricity efficiency factor is the average amount of electricity (in kilowatt hours) used per unit of output for all entities in the relevant sector, as determined by the Administrator based on the best available data, including data provided under paragraph (6).

‘(D) **INDIRECT CARBON FACTOR REDUCTION-** If an electricity provider received a free allocation of emission allowances pursuant to section 782(a), the Administrator shall adjust the indirect carbon factor to avoid rebates to the eligible entity for costs that the Administrator determines were not incurred by the eligible entity because the allowances were freely allocated to the eligible entity’s

electricity provider and used for the benefit of industrial consumers.

‘(4) GREENHOUSE GAS INTENSITY CALCULATIONS-

The Administrator shall calculate the average direct greenhouse gas emissions (expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalent) per unit of output and the electricity efficiency factor for all covered entities in each eligible industrial sector every 4 years, using an average of the four most recent years of the best available data. For purposes of the lists required to be published no later than February 1, 2013, the Administrator shall use the best available data for the maximum number of years, up to 4 years, for which data are available.

‘(5) ENSURING EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS- When making greenhouse gas calculations, the Administrator shall--

‘(A) limit the average direct greenhouse gas emissions per unit of output, calculated under paragraph (4), for any eligible industrial sector to an amount that is not greater than it was in any previous calculation under this subsection;

‘(B) limit the electricity emissions intensity factor, calculated under paragraph (3)(B) and resulting from a change in electricity supply, for any entity to an amount that is not greater than it was during any previous year; and

‘(C) limit the electricity efficiency factor, calculated under paragraph (3)(C), for any eligible industrial sector to an amount that is not greater than it was in any previous calculation under this subsection.

‘(6) DATA SOURCES- For the purposes of this subsection--

‘(A) the Administrator shall use data from the greenhouse gas registry established under section 713, where it is

available; and

‘(B) each owner or operator of an entity in an eligible industrial sector and each department, agency, and instrumentality of the United States shall provide the Administrator with such information as the Administrator finds necessary to determine the direct carbon factor and the indirect carbon factor for each entity subject to this section.

‘(c) Total Maximum Distribution- Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the Administrator shall not distribute more allowances for any vintage year pursuant to this section than are allocated for use under this subpart pursuant to section 782(e) for that vintage year. For any vintage year for which the total emission allowance rebates calculated pursuant to this section exceed the number of allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(e), the Administrator shall reduce each entity’s distribution on a pro rata basis so that the total distribution under this section equals the number of allowances allocated under section 782(e).

‘(d) Iron and Steel Sector- For purposes of this section, the Administrator shall consider as in different industrial sectors--

‘(1) entities using integrated iron and steelmaking technologies (including coke ovens, blast furnaces, and other iron-making technologies); and

‘(2) entities using electric arc furnace technologies.

‘(e) Metal, Soda Ash, or Phosphate Production Classified Under More Than One Naics Code- For purposes of this section, the Administrator shall not aggregate data for the beneficiation or other processing (including agglomeration) of metal ores, soda ash, or phosphate with subsequent steps in the process of metal, soda ash, or phosphate manufacturing. The Administrator shall consider the beneficiation or other processing (including agglomeration) of metal

ores, soda ash, or phosphate to be in separate industrial sectors from the metal, soda ash, or phosphate manufacturing sectors. Industrial sectors that beneficiate or otherwise process (including agglomeration) metal ores, soda ash, or phosphate shall not receive emission allowance rebates under this section related to the activity of extracting metal ores, soda ash, or phosphate.

‘(f) Combined Heat and Power- For purposes of this section, and to achieve the purpose set forth in section 761(b)(2), the Administrator may consider entities to be in different industrial sectors or otherwise take into account the differences among entities in the same industrial sector, based upon the extent to which such entities use combined heat and power technologies.

‘Subpart 2--Promoting International Reductions in Industrial Emissions

‘SEC. 765. INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

‘(a) Finding- Congress finds that the purposes of this subpart, as set forth in section 761(c), can be most effectively addressed and achieved through agreements negotiated between the United States and foreign countries.

‘(b) Statement of Policy- It is the policy of the United States to work proactively under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and in other appropriate fora, to establish binding agreements, including sectoral agreements, committing all major greenhouse gas-emitting nations to contribute equitably to the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(c) Notification of Foreign Countries-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this title, the President shall provide a notification

on climate change described in paragraph (2) to each foreign country the products of which are not exempted under section 768(a)(1)(E).

‘(2) NOTIFICATION DESCRIBED- A notification described in this paragraph is a notification that consists of--

‘(A) a statement of the policy of the United States described in subsection (b); and

‘(B) a declaration--

‘(i) requesting the foreign country to take appropriate measures to limit the greenhouse gas emissions of the foreign country; and

‘(ii) indicating that, beginning on January 1, 2020, the international reserve requirements of this subpart may apply to a covered good.

‘SEC. 766. UNITED STATES NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS.

‘(a) In General- The negotiating objectives of the United States with respect to multilateral environmental negotiations described in this subpart are--

‘(1) to reach an internationally binding agreement in which all major greenhouse gas-emitting countries contribute equitably to the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions;

‘(2)(A) to include in such international agreement provisions that recognize and address the competitive imbalances that lead to carbon leakage and may be created between parties and non-parties to the agreement in domestic and export markets;

and

‘(B) not to prevent parties to such agreement from addressing the competitive imbalances that lead to carbon leakage and may be created by the agreement among parties to the agreement in domestic and export markets ; and

‘(3) to include in such international agreement agreed remedies for any party to the agreement that fails to meet its greenhouse gas reduction obligations in the agreement.

‘(b) Rule of Construction- Nothing in subsection (a)(2) shall be construed to require the United States to alter the provisions of section 764 .

‘SEC. 767. PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS AND DETERMINATIONS.

‘(a) Report- Not later than January 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, the President shall submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the distribution of emission allowance rebates under subpart 1 in mitigating carbon leakage in eligible industrial sectors. Such report shall also include--

‘(1) an assessment, for each eligible industrial sector receiving emission allowance rebates, as to whether, and by how much, the per unit cost of production has increased for that sector as a result of compliance with section 722 (as determined in a manner consistent with section 764(b)), taking into account the provision of the emission allowance rebates to that industrial sector and the benefit received by that industrial sector from the provision of free allowances to electricity providers pursuant to section 782(a);

‘(2) recommendations on how to better achieve the purposes of this subpart, including an assessment of the feasibility and

usefulness of an international reserve allowance program for the eligible industrial sector under section 768;

‘(3) to the extent the President determines that an international reserve allowance program would not be useful for the eligible industrial sector because its exposure to carbon leakage is the result of competition in export markets with goods produced in countries not implementing similar greenhouse gas emission reduction policies, an identification of, and to the extent appropriate a description of how the President will implement, alternative actions or programs consistent with the purposes of this subpart (and, in such case, the President may determine not to apply an international reserve allowance program to the eligible industrial sector under subsection (b)); and

‘(4) an assessment of the amount and duration of assistance, including distribution of free allowances, being provided to industrial sectors in other developed countries to mitigate costs of compliance with domestic greenhouse gas reduction programs in such countries.

‘(b) Presidential Determination-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- If, by January 1, 2018, a multilateral agreement consistent with the negotiating objectives set forth in section 766 has not entered into force with respect to the United States, the President shall establish an international reserve allowance program for each eligible industrial sector to the extent provided under section 768 unless--

‘(A) the President determines and certifies to the Congress with respect to such eligible industrial sector that such program would not be in the national economic interest or environmental interest of the United States; and

‘(B) not later than 90 days after the President transmits the certification described in subparagraph (A), a joint

resolution is enacted into law that approves the determination of the President described in subparagraph (A).

‘(2) CONTENTS OF JOINT RESOLUTION- For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘joint resolution’ means only a joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress, the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: ‘That the Congress approves the determination of the President under section 768(b)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act transmitted to the Congress on XXXXXX.’, the blank space being filled with the appropriate date.

‘(3) CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURES- Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of section 152 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2192 (c), (d), (e), and (f)) shall apply to a joint resolution under this subsection to the same extent as such subsections apply to a joint resolution under section 152 of such Act.

‘(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION- For purposes of this section and section 768, if the President transmits a multilateral agreement to Congress (regardless of whether it is transmitted as a treaty for ratification by the Senate or another international agreement for implementation by law enacted by the Congress) indicating that the agreement is consistent with the negotiating objectives set forth in section 766, such agreement will be considered to be consistent with such negotiating objectives as of the date on which the Senate ratifies the treaty, or legislation is enacted implementing such other agreement, unless the Senate (in the case of ratification) or the implementing legislation expressly provides that the multilateral agreement shall not be treated as consistent with such negotiating objectives for purposes of this section and section 768.

‘(c) Determinations With Respect to Eligible Industrial Sectors- If

the President establishes an international reserve allowance program pursuant to subsection (b), then not later than June 30, 2018, and every 4 years thereafter, the President, in consultation with the Administrator and other appropriate agencies, shall determine, for each eligible industrial sector, whether or not more than 85 percent of United States imports of covered goods with respect to that sector are produced or manufactured in countries that have met at least one of the following criteria:

‘(1) The country is a party to an international agreement to which the United States is a party that includes a nationally enforceable and economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction commitment for that country that is at least as stringent as that of the United States.

‘(2) The country is a party to a multilateral or bilateral emission reduction agreement for that sector to the which the United States is a party.

‘(3) The country has an annual energy or greenhouse gas intensity, as described in section 763(b)(2)(A)(ii), for the sector that is equal to or less than the energy or greenhouse gas intensity for such industrial sector in the United States in the most recent calendar year for which data are available.

‘(d) Effect of Presidential Determination-

‘(1) REQUIRED ACTIONS- If the President makes a determination under subsection (c) with respect to an eligible industrial sector that 85 percent or less of United States imports of covered goods with respect to the sector are produced or manufactured in countries that have met one or more of the criteria in subsection (c), then the President shall, not later than June 30, 2018, and every 4 years thereafter--

‘(A) assess the extent to which the emission allowance rebates provided pursuant to subpart 1 and the benefit

received by that industrial sector from the provision of free allowances to electricity providers pursuant to section 782(a) have mitigated or addressed, or could mitigate or address, carbon leakage in that sector;

‘(B) assess the extent to which an international reserve allowance program has mitigated or addressed, or could mitigate or address, carbon leakage in that sector; and

‘(C) with respect to that sector--

‘(i) modify the percentage by which direct and indirect carbon factors will be multiplied under section 764(a)(1)(B); and

‘(ii) apply or continue to apply an international reserve allowance program under section 768 with respect to imports of covered goods with respect to that sector.

‘(2) PROHIBITED ACTIONS- If the President makes a determination under subsection (c) with respect to an eligible industrial sector that more than 85 percent of United States imports of covered goods with respect to the sector are produced or manufactured in countries that have met one or more of the criteria in subsection (c), then the President may not apply or continue to apply an international reserve allowance program under section 768 with respect to imports of covered goods with respect to that sector.

‘(e) Report to Congress- Not later than June 30, 2018, and every 4 years thereafter, the President shall transmit to the Congress a report providing notice of any determination made under subsection (c), explaining the reasons for such determination, and identifying the actions taken by the President under subsection (d).

‘SEC. 768. INTERNATIONAL RESERVE

ALLOWANCE PROGRAM.

‘(a) Establishment-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator, with the concurrence of Commissioner responsible for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, shall issue regulations--

‘(A) establishing an international reserve allowance program for the sale, exchange, purchase, transfer, and banking of international reserve allowances for covered goods with respect to the eligible industrial sector;

‘(B) ensuring that the price for purchasing the international reserve allowances from the United States on a particular day is equivalent to the auction clearing price for emission allowances under section 722 for the most recent emission allowance auction;

‘(C) establishing a general methodology for calculating the quantity of international reserve allowances that a United States importer of any covered good must submit;

‘(D) requiring the submission of appropriate amounts of such allowances for covered goods with respect to the eligible industrial sector that enter the customs territory of the United States;

‘(E) exempting from the requirements of subparagraph (D) such products that are the origin of--

‘(i) any country determined to meet any of the standards provided in section 767(c);

‘(ii) any foreign country that the United Nations has identified as among the least developed of developing countries; or

‘(iii) any foreign country that the President has determined to be responsible for less than 0.5 percent of total global greenhouse gas emissions and less than 5 percent of United States imports of covered goods with respect to the eligible industrial sector;

‘(F) specifying the procedures that U.S. Customs and Border Protection will apply for the declaration and entry of covered goods with respect to the eligible industrial sector into the customs territory of the United States; and

‘(G) establishing procedures that prevent circumvention of the international reserve allowance requirement for covered goods with respect to the eligible industrial sector that are manufactured or processed in more than one foreign country.

‘(2) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM- The Administrator shall establish the program under paragraph (1) consistent with international agreements to which the United States is a party, in a manner that minimizes the likelihood of carbon leakage as a result of differences between--

‘(A) the direct and indirect costs of complying with section 722; and

‘(B) the direct and indirect costs, if any, of complying in other countries with greenhouse gas regulatory programs, requirements, export tariffs, or other measures adopted or imposed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(b) Emission Allowance Rebates- In establishing a general methodology for purposes of subsection (a)(1)(C), the Administrator shall include an adjustment to the quantity of international reserve allowances based on the value of emission allowance rebates distributed under subpart 1 and the benefit received by the eligible industrial sector concerned from the

provision of free allowances to electricity providers pursuant to section 782(a) and may, if appropriate, determine that the quantity of international reserve allowances should be reduced as low as to zero.

‘(c) Effective Date- The international reserve allowance program may not apply to imports of covered goods entering the customs territory of the United States before January 1, 2020.

‘(d) Covered Entities- International reserve allowances may not be used by covered entities to comply with section 722.

‘SEC. 769. IRON AND STEEL SECTOR.

‘For purposes of this subpart, the Administrator shall consider to be in the same eligible industrial sector--

‘(1) entities using integrated iron and steelmaking technologies (including coke ovens, blast furnaces, and other iron-making technologies); and

‘(2) entities using electric arc furnace technologies.’.

Subtitle B--Green Jobs and Worker Transition

PART 1--GREEN JOBS

SEC. 421. CLEAN ENERGY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.

(a) Authorization- The Secretary of Education is authorized to award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible partnerships to develop programs of study (containing the information described in section 122(c)(1)(A) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2342)), that are focused on emerging careers and jobs in the fields of clean energy,

renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate change mitigation, and climate change adaptation. The Secretary of Education shall consult with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Energy prior to the issuance of a solicitation for grant applications.

(b) Eligible Partnerships- For purposes of this section, an eligible partnership shall include--

(1) at least 1 local educational agency eligible for funding under section 131 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2351) or an area career and technical education school or education service agency described in such section;

(2) at least 1 postsecondary institution eligible for funding under section 132 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 2352); and

(3) representatives of the community including business, labor organizations, and industry that have experience in fields as described in subsection (a).

(c) Application- An eligible partnership seeking a grant under this section shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require. Applications shall include--

(1) a description of the eligible partners and partnership, the roles and responsibilities of each partner, and a demonstration of each partner's capacity to support the program;

(2) a description of the career area or areas within the fields as described in subsection (a) to be developed, the reason for the choice, and evidence of the labor market need to prepare students in that area;

(3) a description of the new or existing program of study and both secondary and postsecondary components;

(4) a description of the students to be served by the new program of study;

(5) a description of how the program of study funded by the grant will be replicable and disseminated to schools outside of the partnership, including urban and rural areas;

(6) a description of applied learning that will be incorporated into the program of study and how it will incorporate or reinforce academic learning;

(7) a description of how the program of study will be delivered;

(8) a description of how the program will provide accessibility to students, especially economically disadvantaged, low performing, and urban and rural students;

(9) a description of how the program will address placement of students in nontraditional fields as described in section 3(20) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(20)); and

(10) a description of how the applicant proposes to consult or has consulted with a labor organization, labor management partnership, apprenticeship program, or joint apprenticeship and training program that provides education and training in the field of study for which the applicant proposes to develop a curriculum.

(d) Priority- The Secretary shall give priority to applications that--

(1) use online learning or other innovative means to deliver the program of study to students, educators, and instructors outside of the partnership; and

(2) focus on low performing students and special populations as defined in section 3(29) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(29)).

(e) Peer Review- The Secretary shall convene a peer review process to review applications for grants under this section and to make

recommendations regarding the selection of grantees. Members of the peer review committee shall include--

(1) educators who have experience implementing curricula with comparable purposes; and

(2) business and industry experts in fields as described in subsection (a).

(f) Uses of Funds- Grants awarded under this section shall be used for the development, implementation, and dissemination of programs of study (as described in section 122(c)(1)(A) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act (20 U.S.C. 2342(c)(1)(A))) in career areas related to clean energy, renewable energy, energy efficiency, climate change mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

SEC. 422. INCREASED FUNDING FOR ENERGY WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) Authorization- Section 171(e)(8) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(e)(8)) is amended by striking ‘\$125,000,000’ and inserting ‘\$150,000,000’.

(b) Establishment of Fund- There is hereby established in the Treasury a separate account that shall be known as the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training Fund.

(c) Availability of Amounts- Subject to subtitle F of title IV, all amounts deposited into the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training Fund shall be available to the Secretary to carry out section 171(e)(8) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(e)(8)) subject to further appropriation.

SEC. 423. DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES CLEARINGHOUSE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING IN RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTORS.

(a) Development of Clearinghouse- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor, in collaboration with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Education, shall develop an internet based information and resources clearinghouse to aid career and technical education and job training programs for the renewable energy sectors. In establishing the clearinghouse, the Secretary shall--

- (1) collect and provide information that addresses the consequences of rapid changes in technology and regional disparities for renewable energy training programs and provides best practices for training and education in light of such changes and disparities;
- (2) place an emphasis on facilitating collaboration between the renewable energy industry and job training programs and on identifying industry and technological trends and best practices, to better help job training programs maintain quality and relevance; and
- (3) place an emphasis on assisting programs that cater to high-demand middle-skill, trades, manufacturing, contracting, and consulting careers.

(b) Solicitation and Consultation- In developing the clearinghouse pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall solicit information and expertise from businesses and organizations in the renewable energy sector and from institutions of higher education, career and technical schools, and community colleges that provide training in the renewable energy sectors. The Secretary shall solicit a comprehensive peer review of the clearinghouse by such entities not less than once every 2 years. Nothing in this subsection should be interpreted to require the divulgence of proprietary or competitive information.

(c) Contents of Clearinghouse-

(1) SEPARATE SECTION FOR EACH RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR- The clearinghouse shall contain separate sections developed for each of the following renewable energy sectors:

(A) Solar energy systems.

(B) Wind energy systems.

(C) Energy transmission systems.

(D) Geothermal systems of energy and heating.

(E) Energy efficiency technical training.

(2) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS-** In addition to the information required in subsection (a), each section of the clearinghouse shall include information on basic environmental science and processes needed to understand renewable energy systems, Federal government and industry resources, and points of contact to aid institutions in the development of placement programs for apprenticeships and post graduation opportunities, and information and tips about a green workplace, energy efficiency, and relevant environmental topics and information on available industry recognized certifications in each area.

(d) **Dissemination-** The clearinghouse shall be made available via the Internet to the general public. Notice of the completed clearinghouse and any major revisions thereto shall also be provided--

(1) to each Member of Congress; and

(2) on the websites of the Departments of Education, Energy, and Labor.

(e) **Revision-** The Secretary of Labor shall revise and update the clearinghouse on a regular basis to ensure its relevance.

SEC. 424. MONITORING PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS.

The Secretary of Labor shall monitor the potential growth of affected and displaced workers to ensure that the necessary funding continues to support the number of workers affected.

SEC. 424A. GREEN CONSTRUCTION CAREERS

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

(a) Establishment and Authority- The Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, establish a Green Construction Careers demonstration project by rules, regulations, and guidance in accordance with the provisions of this section. The purpose of the demonstration project shall be to promote middle class careers and quality employment practices in the green construction sector among targeted workers and to advance efficiency and performance on construction projects related to this Act. In order to advance these purposes, the Secretary shall identify projects, including residential retrofitting projects, funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by or through the Federal Government pursuant to this Act or by any other entity established in accordance with this Act, to which all of the following shall apply.

(b) Requirements- The Secretaries may establish such terms and conditions for the demonstration projects as the Secretaries determine are necessary to meet the purposes of subsection (a), including establishing minimum proportions of hours to be worked by targeted workers on such projects. The Secretaries may require the contractors and subcontractors performing construction services on the project to comply with the terms and conditions as a condition of receiving funding or assistance from the Federal Government under this Act.

(c) Evaluation- The Secretaries shall evaluate the demonstration projects against the purposes of this section at the end of 3 years from initiation of the demonstration project. If the Secretaries determine that the demonstration projects have been successful, the Secretaries may identify further projects to which of the provisions of this section shall apply.

(d) GAO Report- The Comptroller General shall prepare and submit a report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives not later than 5 years after the

date of enactment of this Act, which shall advise the committees of the results of the demonstration projects and make appropriate recommendations.

(e) Definition and Designation of Targeted Workers- As used in this section, the term ‘targeted worker’ means an individual who resides in the same labor market area (as defined in section 101(18) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801(18))) as the project and who--

(1) is a member of a targeted group, within the meaning of section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, other than an individual described in subsection (d)(1)(C) of such section;

(2)(A) resides in a census tract in which not less than 20 percent of the households have incomes below the Federal poverty guidelines; or

(B) is a member of a family that received a total family income that, during the 2-year period prior to employment on the project or admission to the pre-apprenticeship program, did not exceed 200 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in section 101(25)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C. 2801(25)(A)), and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402); or

(3) is a displaced homemaker, as such term is defined in section 3(10) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302(10)).

(f) Qualified Pre-apprenticeship Program- A qualified pre-apprenticeship program is a pre-apprenticeship program that has demonstrated an ability to recruit, train, and prepare for admission to apprenticeship programs individuals who are targeted workers.

(g) Qualified Apprenticeship and Other Training Programs-

(1) **PARTICIPATION BY EACH CONTRACTOR REQUIRED-** Each contractor and subcontractor that seeks to provide construction services on projects identified by the Secretaries pursuant to subsection (a) shall submit adequate assurances with its bid or proposal that it participates in a qualified apprenticeship or other training program, with a written arrangement with a qualified pre-apprenticeship program, for each craft or trade classification of worker that it intends to employ to perform work on the project.

(2) **DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED APPRENTICE SHIP OR OTHER TRAINING PROGRAM-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified apprenticeship or other training program’ means an apprenticeship or other training program that qualifies as an employee welfare benefit plan, as defined in section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(1)).

(B) **CERTIFICATION OF OTHER PROGRAMS IN CERTAIN LOCALITIES-** In the event that the Secretary of Labor certifies that a qualified apprenticeship or other training program (as defined in subparagraph (A)) for a craft or trade classification of workers that a prospective contractor or subcontractor intends to employ, is not operated in the locality where the project will be performed, an apprenticeship or other training program that is not an employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in such section) may be certified by the Secretary as a qualified apprenticeship or other training program provided it is registered with the Office of Apprenticeship of the Department of Labor, or a State apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship for Federal purposes.

(h) **Facilitating Compliance-** The Secretary may require Federal contracting agencies, recipients of Federal assistance, and any other entity established in accordance with this Act to require contractors to enter into an agreement in a manner comparable with the standards set forth in sections 3 and 4 of Executive Order 13502 in order to achieve the purposes of this section,

including any requirements established by subsection (b).

(i) **Limitation-** The requirements of this section shall not apply to any project funded under this Act in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands, unless participation is requested by the governor of such territories within 1 year of the promulgation of rules under this Act.

PART 2--CLIMATE CHANGE WORKER ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

SEC. 425. PETITIONS, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND DETERMINATIONS.

(a) **Petitions-**

(1) **FILING-** A petition for certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance for a group of workers under this part may be filed by any of the following:

(A) The group of workers.

(B) The certified or recognized union or other duly authorized representative of such workers.

(C) Employers of such workers, one-stop operators or one-stop partners (as defined in section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801)), including State employment security agencies, or the State dislocated worker unit established under title I of such Act, on behalf of such workers.

The petition shall be filed simultaneously with the Secretary of Labor and with the Governor of the State in which such workers' employment site is located.

(2) **ACTION BY GOVERNORS-** Upon receipt of a petition filed under

paragraph (1), the Governor shall--

(A) ensure that rapid response activities and appropriate core and intensive services (as described in section 134 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2864)) authorized under other Federal laws are made available to the workers covered by the petition to the extent authorized under such laws; and

(B) assist the Secretary in the review of the petition by verifying such information and providing such other assistance as the Secretary may request.

(3) ACTION BY THE SECRETARY- Upon receipt of the petition, the Secretary shall promptly publish notice in the Federal Register and on the website of the Department of Labor that the Secretary has received the petition and initiated an investigation.

(4) HEARINGS- If the petitioner, or any other person found by the Secretary to have a substantial interest in the proceedings, submits not later than 10 days after the date of the Secretary's publication under paragraph (3) a request for a hearing, the Secretary shall provide for a public hearing and afford such interested persons an opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard.

(b) Eligibility-

(1) IN GENERAL- A group of workers shall be certified by the Secretary as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part pursuant to a petition filed under subsection (a) if--

(A) the group of workers is employed in--

(i) energy producing and transforming industries;

(ii) industries dependent upon energy industries;

(iii) energy-intensive manufacturing industries;

(iv) consumer goods manufacturing; or

(v) other industries whose employment the Secretary determines has been adversely affected by any requirement of title VII of the Clean Air Act;

(B) the Secretary determines that a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' employment site have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated from employment; and

(C) the sales, production, or delivery of goods or services have decreased as a result of any requirement of title VII of the Clean Air Act, including--

(i) the shift from reliance upon fossil fuels to other sources of energy, including renewable energy, that results in the closing of a facility or layoff of employees at a facility that mines, produces, processes, or utilizes fossil fuels to generate electricity;

(ii) a substantial increase in the cost of energy required for a manufacturing facility to produce items whose prices are competitive in the marketplace, to the extent the cost is not offset by allowance allocation to the facility pursuant to title VII of the Clean Air Act; or

(iii) other documented occurrences that the Secretary determines are indicators of an adverse impact on an industry described in subparagraph (A) as a result of any requirement of title VII of the Clean Air Act.

(2) **WORKERS IN PUBLIC AGENCIES-** A group of workers in a public agency shall be certified by the Secretary as eligible to apply for climate change adjustment assistance pursuant to a petition filed if the Secretary determines that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the public agency have become totally or partially separated

from employment, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated as a result of any requirement of title VII of the Clean Air Act.

(3) **ADVERSELY AFFECTED SERVICE WORKERS-** A group of workers shall be certified as eligible to apply for climate change adjustment assistance pursuant to a petition filed if the Secretary determines that--

(A) a significant number or proportion of the service workers at an employment site where a group of workers has been certified by the Secretary as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part pursuant to paragraph (1) have become totally or partially separated from employment, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(B) a loss of business in the firm providing service workers to an employment site is directly attributable to one or more of the documented occurrences listed in paragraph (1)(C).

(c) **Authority to Investigate and Collect Information-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary shall, in determining whether to certify a group of workers under subsection (d), obtain information the Secretary determines to be necessary to make the certification, through questionnaires and in such other manner as the Secretary determines appropriate from--

(A) the workers' employer;

(B) officials of certified or recognized unions or other duly authorized representatives of the group of workers; or

(C) one-stop operators or one-stop partners (as defined in section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801)); or

(2) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION- The Secretary shall require an employer, union, or one-stop operator or partner to certify all information obtained under paragraph (1) from the employer, union, or one-stop operator or partner (as the case may be) on which the Secretary relies in making a determination under subsection (d), unless the Secretary has a reasonable basis for determining that such information is accurate and complete without being certified.

(3) PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION- The Secretary may not release information obtained under paragraph (1) that the Secretary considers to be confidential business information unless the employer submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that the information would be released by the Secretary, or the employer subsequently consents to the release of the information. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from providing such confidential business information to a court in camera or to another party under a protective order issued by a court.

(d) Determination by the Secretary of Labor-

(1) IN GENERAL- As soon as possible after the date on which a petition is filed under subsection (a), but in any event not later than 40 days after that date, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator, as necessary, shall determine whether the petitioning group meets the requirements of subsection (b) and shall issue a certification of eligibility to apply for assistance under this part covering workers in any group which meets such requirements. Each certification shall specify the date on which the total or partial separation began or threatened to begin. Upon reaching a determination on a petition, the Secretary shall promptly publish a summary of the determination in the Federal Register and on the website of the Department of Labor, together with the Secretary's reasons for making such determination.

(2) ONE YEAR LIMITATION- A certification under this section shall

not apply to any worker whose last total or partial separation from the employment site before the worker's application under section 426(a) occurred more than 1 year before the date of the petition on which such certification was granted.

(3) REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION- Whenever the Secretary determines, with respect to any certification of eligibility of the workers of an employment site, that total or partial separations from such site are no longer a result of the factors specified in subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall terminate such certification and promptly have notice of such termination published in the Federal Register and on the website of the Department of Labor, together with the Secretary's reasons for making such determination. Such termination shall apply only with respect to total or partial separations occurring after the termination date specified by the Secretary.

(e) Industry Notification of Assistance- Upon receiving a notification of a determination under subsection (d) with respect to a domestic industry the Secretary of Labor shall notify the representatives of the domestic industry affected by the determination, employers publicly identified by name during the course of the proceeding relating to the determination, and any certified or recognized union or, to the extent practicable, other duly authorized representative of workers employed by such representatives of the domestic industry, of--

(1) the adjustment allowances, training, and other benefits available under this part;

(2) the manner in which to file a petition and apply for such benefits; and

(3) the availability of assistance in filing such petitions;

(4) notify the Governor of each State in which one or more employers in such industry are located of the Secretary's determination and the identity of the employers; and

(5) upon request, provide any assistance that is necessary to file a petition under subsection (a).

(f) Benefit Information to Workers, Providers of Training-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall provide full information to workers about the adjustment allowances, training, and other benefits available under this part and about the petition and application procedures, and the appropriate filing dates, for such allowances, training and services. The Secretary shall provide whatever assistance is necessary to enable groups of workers to prepare petitions or applications for program benefits. The Secretary shall make every effort to insure that cooperating State agencies fully comply with the agreements entered into under section 426(a) and shall periodically review such compliance. The Secretary shall inform the State Board for Vocational Education or equivalent agency, the one-stop operators or one-stop partners (as defined in section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801), and other public or private agencies, institutions, and employers, as appropriate, of each certification issued under subsection (d) and of projections, if available, of the needs for training under as a result of such certification.

(2) NOTICE BY MAIL- The Secretary shall provide written notice through the mail of the benefits available under this part to each worker whom the Secretary has reason to believe is covered by a certification made under subsection (d)--

(A) at the time such certification is made, if the worker was partially or totally separated from the adversely affected employment before such certification, or--

(B) at the time of the total or partial separation of the worker from the adversely affected employment, if subparagraph (A) does not apply.

(3) NEWSPAPERS; WEBSITE- The Secretary shall publish notice of the benefits available under this part to workers covered by each

certification made under subsection (d) in newspapers of general circulation in the areas in which such workers reside and shall make such information available on the website of the Department of Labor.

SEC. 426. PROGRAM BENEFITS.

(a) Climate Change Adjustment Allowance-

(1) **ELIGIBILITY-** Payment of a climate change adjustment allowance shall be made to an adversely affected worker covered by a certification under section 425(b) who files an application for such allowance for any week of unemployment which begins on or after the date of such certification, if the following conditions are met:

(A) Such worker's total or partial separation before the worker's application under this part occurred--

(i) on or after the date, as specified in the certification under which the worker is covered, on which total or partial separation began or threatened to begin in the adversely affected employment;

(ii) before the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which the determination under section 425(d) was made; and

(iii) before the termination date, if any, determined pursuant to section 425(d)(3).

(B) Such worker had, in the 52-week period ending with the week in which such total or partial separation occurred, at least 26 weeks of full-time employment or 1,040 hours of part time employment in adversely affected employment, or, if data with respect to weeks of employment are not available, equivalent amounts of employment computed under regulations prescribed by the Secretary. For the purposes of this paragraph, any week in which such worker--

- (i) is on employer-authorized leave for purposes of vacation, sickness, injury, maternity, or inactive duty or active duty military service for training;
- (ii) does not work because of a disability that is compensable under a workmen's compensation law or plan of a State or the United States;
- (iii) had his employment interrupted in order to serve as a full-time representative of a labor organization in such firm; or
- (iv) is on call-up for purposes of active duty in a reserve status in the Armed Forces of the United States, provided such active duty is 'Federal service' as defined in section 8521(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code,

shall be treated as a week of employment.

(C) Such worker is enrolled in a training program approved by the Secretary under subsection (b)(2).

(2) **INELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN OTHER BENEFITS-** An adversely affected worker receiving a payment under this section shall be ineligible to receive any other form of unemployment insurance for the period in which such worker is receiving a climate change adjustment allowance under this section.

(3) **REVOCATION-** If--

(A) the Secretary determines that--

(i) the adversely affected worker--

(I) has failed to begin participation in the training program the enrollment in which meets the requirement of paragraph (1)(C); or

(II) has ceased to participate in such training program

before completing such training program; and

(ii) there is no justifiable cause for such failure or cessation; or

(B) the certification made with respect to such worker under section 425(d) is revoked under paragraph (3) of such section,

no adjustment allowance may be paid to the adversely affected worker under this part for the week in which such failure, cessation, or revocation occurred, or any succeeding week, until the adversely affected worker begins or resumes participation in a training program approved by the Secretary under section (b)(2).

(4) **WAIVERS OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS-** The Secretary may issue a written statement to an adversely affected worker waiving the requirement to be enrolled in training described in subsection (b)(2) if the Secretary determines that it is not feasible or appropriate for the worker, because of 1 or more of the following reasons:

(A) **RECALL-** The worker has been notified that the worker will be recalled by the employer from which the separation occurred.

(B) **MARKETABLE SKILLS-**

(i) **IN GENERAL-** The worker possesses marketable skills for suitable employment (as determined pursuant to an assessment of the worker, which may include the profiling system under section 303(j) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 503(j)), carried out in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary) and there is a reasonable expectation of employment at equivalent wages in the foreseeable future.

(ii) **MARKETABLE SKILLS DEFINED-** For purposes of clause (i), the term ‘marketable skills’ may include the possession of a postgraduate degree from an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or an equivalent

institution, or the possession of an equivalent postgraduate certification in a specialized field.

(C) RETIREMENT- The worker is within 2 years of meeting all requirements for entitlement to either--

(i) old-age insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) (except for application therefor); or

(ii) a private pension sponsored by an employer or labor organization.

(D) HEALTH- The worker is unable to participate in training due to the health of the worker, except that a waiver under this subparagraph shall not be construed to exempt a worker from requirements relating to the availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to accept work under Federal or State unemployment compensation laws.

(E) ENROLLMENT UNAVAILABLE- The first available enrollment date for the training of the worker is within 60 days after the date of the determination made under this paragraph, or, if later, there are extenuating circumstances for the delay in enrollment, as determined pursuant to guidelines issued by the Secretary.

(F) TRAINING NOT AVAILABLE- Training described in subsection (b)(2) is not reasonably available to the worker from either governmental agencies or private sources (which may include area career and technical education schools, as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302), and employers), no training that is suitable for the worker is available at a reasonable cost, or no training funds are available.

(5) WEEKLY AMOUNTS- The climate change adjustment allowance payable to an adversely affected worker for a week of unemployment shall be an amount equal to 70 percent of the average weekly wage of

such worker, but in no case shall such amount exceed the average weekly wage for all workers in the State where the adversely affected worker resides.

(6) **MAXIMUM DURATION OF BENEFITS**- An eligible worker may receive a climate change adjustment allowance under this subsection for a period of not longer than 156 weeks.

(b) **Employment Services and Training-**

(1) **INFORMATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**- The Secretary shall make available, directly or through agreements with the States under section 427(a) to adversely affected workers covered by a certification under section 425(a) the following information and employment services:

(A) Comprehensive and specialized assessment of skill levels and service needs, including through--

(i) diagnostic testing and use of other assessment tools; and

(ii) in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify employment barriers and appropriate employment goals.

(B) Development of an individual employment plan to identify employment goals and objectives, and appropriate training to achieve those goals and objectives.

(C) Information on training available in local and regional areas, information on individual counseling to determine which training is suitable training, and information on how to apply for such training.

(D) Information on training programs and other services provided by a State pursuant to title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and available in local and regional areas, information on individual counseling to determine which training is suitable training, and information on how to apply for such training.

(E) Information on how to apply for financial aid, including referring workers to educational opportunity centers described in section 402F of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a-16), where applicable, and notifying workers that the workers may request financial aid administrators at institutions of higher education (as defined in section 102 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1002)) to use the administrators' discretion under section 479A of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087tt) to use current year income data, rather than preceding year income data, for determining the amount of need of the workers for Federal financial assistance under title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).

(F) Short-term prevocational services, including development of learning skills, communications skills, interviewing skills, punctuality, personal maintenance skills, and professional conduct to prepare individuals for employment or training.

(G) Individual career counseling, including job search and placement counseling, during the period in which the individual is receiving a climate change adjustment allowance or training under this part, and after receiving such training for purposes of job placement.

(H) Provision of employment statistics information, including the provision of accurate information relating to local, regional, and national labor market areas, including--

- (i) job vacancy listings in such labor market areas;
- (ii) information on jobs skills necessary to obtain jobs identified in job vacancy listings described in subparagraph (A);
- (iii) information relating to local occupations that are in demand and earnings potential of such occupations; and
- (iv) skills requirements for local occupations described in subparagraph (C).

(I) Information relating to the availability of supportive services, including services relating to child care, transportation, dependent care, housing assistance, and need-related payments that are necessary to enable an individual to participate in training.

(2) TRAINING-

(A) APPROVAL OF AND PAYMENT FOR TRAINING- If the Secretary determines, with respect to an adversely affected worker that--

(i) there is no suitable employment (which may include technical and professional employment) available for an adversely affected worker;

(ii) the worker would benefit from appropriate training;

(iii) there is a reasonable expectation of employment following completion of such training;

(iv) training approved by the Secretary is reasonably available to the worker from either governmental agencies or private sources (including area career and technical education schools, as defined in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, and employers);

(v) the worker is qualified to undertake and complete such training; and

(vi) such training is suitable for the worker and available at a reasonable cost,

the Secretary shall approve such training for the worker. Upon such approval, the worker shall be entitled to have payment of the costs of such training (subject to the limitations imposed by this section) paid on the worker's behalf by the Secretary directly or through a voucher system.

(B) DISTRIBUTION- The Secretary shall establish procedures for the distribution of the funds to States to carry out the training programs approved under this paragraph, and shall make an initial distribution of the funds made available as soon as practicable after the beginning of each fiscal year.

(C) ADDITIONAL RULES REGARDING APPROVAL OF AND PAYMENT FOR TRAINING-

(i) For purposes of applying subparagraph (A)(iii), a reasonable expectation of employment does not require that employment opportunities for a worker be available, or offered, immediately upon the completion of training approved under such subparagraph.

(ii) If the costs of training an adversely affected worker are paid by the Secretary under subparagraph (A), no other payment for such costs may be made under any other provision of Federal law. No payment may be made under subparagraph (A) of the costs of training an adversely affected worker or an adversely affected incumbent worker if such costs--

(I) have already been paid under any other provision of Federal law; or

(II) are reimbursable under any other provision of Federal law and a portion of such costs have already been paid under such other provision of Federal law.

The provisions of this clause shall not apply to, or take into account, any funds provided under any other provision of Federal law which are used for any purpose other than the direct payment of the costs incurred in training a particular adversely affected worker, even if such use has the effect of indirectly paying or reducing any portion of the costs involved in training the adversely affected worker.

(D) TRAINING PROGRAMS- The training programs that may be approved under subparagraph (A) include--

(i) employer-based training, including--

(I) on-the-job training if approved by the Secretary under subsection (c); and

(II) joint labor-management apprenticeship programs;

(ii) any training program provided by a State pursuant to title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

(iii) any training program approved by a private industry council established under section 102 of such Act;

(iv) any programs in career and technical education described in section 3(5) of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006;

(v) any program of remedial education;

(vi) any program of prerequisite education or coursework required to enroll in training that may be approved under this paragraph;

(vii) any training program for which all, or any portion, of the costs of training the worker are paid--

(I) under any Federal or State program other than this part;
or

(II) from any source other than this part;

(viii) any training program or coursework at an accredited institution of higher education (described in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), including a training program or coursework for the purpose of--

(I) obtaining a degree or certification; or

(II) completing a degree or certification that the worker had previously begun at an accredited institution of higher education; and

(ix) any other training program approved by the Secretary.

(3) Supplemental Assistance- The Secretary may, as appropriate, authorize supplemental assistance that is necessary to defray reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses for separate maintenance in a case in which training for a worker is provided in a facility that is not within commuting distance of the regular place of residence of the worker.

(c) On-the-Job Training Requirements-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary may approve on-the-job training for any adversely affected worker if--

(A) the Secretary determines that on-the-job training--

(i) can reasonably be expected to lead to suitable employment with the employer offering the on-the-job training;

(ii) is compatible with the skills of the worker;

(iii) includes a curriculum through which the worker will gain the knowledge or skills to become proficient in the job for which the worker is being trained; and

(iv) can be measured by benchmarks that indicate that the worker is gaining such knowledge or skills; and

(B) the State determines that the on-the-job training program meets the requirements of clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (A).

(2) MONTHLY PAYMENTS- The Secretary shall pay the costs of on-the-job training approved under paragraph (1) in monthly

installments.

(3) CONTRACTS FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall ensure, in entering into a contract with an employer to provide on-the-job training to a worker under this subsection, that the skill requirements of the job for which the worker is being trained, the academic and occupational skill level of the worker, and the work experience of the worker are taken into consideration.

(B) TERM OF CONTRACT- Training under any such contract shall be limited to the period of time required for the worker receiving on-the-job training to become proficient in the job for which the worker is being trained, but may not exceed 156 weeks in any case.

(4) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYERS- The Secretary shall not enter into a contract for on-the-job training with an employer that exhibits a pattern of failing to provide workers receiving on-the-job training from the employer with--

(A) continued, long-term employment as regular employees; and

(B) wages, benefits, and working conditions that are equivalent to the wages, benefits, and working conditions provided to regular employees who have worked a similar period of time and are doing the same type of work as workers receiving on-the-job training from the employer.

(d) Administrative and Employment Services Funding-

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING- In addition to any funds made available to a State to carry out this section for a fiscal year, the State shall receive for the fiscal year a payment in an amount that is equal to 15 percent of the amount of such funds and shall--

(A) use not more than 2/3 of such payment for the administration of

the climate change adjustment assistance for workers program under this part, including for--

- (i) processing waivers of training requirements under subsection (a)(4);
- (ii) collecting, validating, and reporting data required under this part; and
- (iii) administering the Climate Change Adjustment Assistance Allowance payments; and

(B) use not less than 1/3 of such payment for information and employment services under subsection (b)(1).

(2) EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FUNDING-

(A) IN GENERAL- In addition to any funds made available to a State to carry out subsection (b)(2) and the payment under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide to the State for the fiscal year a reasonable payment for the purpose of providing employment and services under subsection (b)(1).

(B) VOLUNTARY RETURN OF FUNDS- A State that receives a payment under subparagraph (A) may decline or otherwise return such payment to the Secretary.

(e) Job Search Allowances- The Secretary of Labor may provide adversely affected workers a one-time job search allowance in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Any job search allowance provided shall be available only under the following circumstances and conditions:

(1) The worker is no longer eligible for the climate change adjustment allowance under subsection (a) and has completed the training program required by subsection (a)(1)(E).

(2) The Secretary determines that the worker cannot reasonably be

expected to secure suitable employment in the commuting area in which the worker resides.

(3) An allowance granted shall provide reimbursement to the worker of all necessary job search expenses as prescribed by the Secretary in regulations. Such reimbursement under this subsection may not exceed \$1,500 for any worker.

(f) Relocation Allowance Authorized-

(1) **IN GENERAL-** Any adversely affected worker covered by a certification issued under section 425 may file an application for a relocation allowance with the Secretary, and the Secretary may grant the relocation allowance, subject to the terms and conditions of this subsection.

(2) **CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING ALLOWANCE-** A relocation allowance may be granted if all of the following terms and conditions are met:

(A) **ASSIST AN ADVERSELY AFFECTED WORKER-** The relocation allowance will assist an adversely affected worker in relocating within the United States.

(B) **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT NOT AVAILABLE-** The Secretary determines that the worker cannot reasonably be expected to secure suitable employment in the commuting area in which the worker resides.

(C) **TOTAL SEPARATION-** The worker is totally separated from employment at the time relocation commences.

(D) **SUITABLE EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED-** The worker--

(i) has obtained suitable employment affording a reasonable expectation of long-term duration in the area in which the worker wishes to relocate; or

(ii) has obtained a bona fide offer of such employment.

(E) APPLICATION- The worker filed an application with the Secretary at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall specify by regulation.

(3) AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE- The relocation allowance granted to a worker under paragraph (1) includes--

(A) all reasonable and necessary expenses (including, subsistence and transportation expenses at levels not exceeding amounts prescribed by the Secretary in regulations) incurred in transporting the worker, the worker's family, and household effects; and

(B) a lump sum equivalent to 3 times the worker's average weekly wage, up to a maximum payment of \$1,500.

(4) LIMITATIONS- A relocation allowance may not be granted to a worker unless--

(A) the relocation occurs within 182 days after the filing of the application for relocation assistance; or

(B) the relocation occurs within 182 days after the conclusion of training, if the worker entered a training program approved by the Secretary under subsection (b)(2).

(g) Health Insurance Continuation- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this part, the Secretary of Labor shall prescribe regulations to provide, for the period in which an adversely affected worker is participating in a training program described in subsection (b)(2), 80 percent of the monthly premium of any health insurance coverage that an adversely affected worker was receiving from such worker's employer prior to the separation from employment described in section 425(b), to be paid to any health care insurance plan designated by the adversely affected worker receiving an allowance under this section.

SEC. 427. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Agreements With States-

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary is authorized on behalf of the United States to enter into an agreement with any State, or with any State agency (referred to in this section as ‘cooperating States’ and ‘cooperating States agencies’ respectively). Under such an agreement, the cooperating State agency--

(A) as agent of the United States, shall receive applications for, and shall provide, payments on the basis provided in this part;

(B) in accordance with paragraph (6), shall make available to adversely affected workers covered by a certification under section 425(d) the employment services described in section 426(b)(1);

(C) shall make any certifications required under section 425(d);

(D) shall otherwise cooperate with the Secretary and with other State and Federal agencies in providing payments and services under this part.

Each agreement under this section shall provide the terms and conditions upon which the agreement may be amended, suspended, or terminated.

(2) **FORM AND MANNER OF DATA-** Each agreement under this section shall--

(A) provide the Secretary with the authority to collect any data the Secretary determines necessary to meet the requirements of this part; and

(B) specify the form and manner in which any such data requested by the Secretary shall be reported.

(3) **RELATIONSHIP TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**- Each agreement under this section shall provide that an adversely affected worker receiving a climate change adjustment allowance under this part shall not be eligible for unemployment insurance otherwise payable to such worker under the laws of the State.

(4) **REVIEW**- A determination by a cooperating State agency with respect to entitlement to program benefits under an agreement is subject to review in the same manner and to the same extent as determinations under the applicable State law and only in that manner and to that extent.

(5) **COORDINATION**- Any agreement entered into under this section shall provide for the coordination of the administration of the provisions for employment services, training, and supplemental assistance under section 426 and under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 upon such terms and conditions as are established by the Secretary in consultation with the States and set forth in such agreement. Any agency of the State jointly administering such provisions under such agreement shall be considered to be a cooperating State agency for purposes of this part.

(6) **RESPONSIBILITIES OF COOPERATING AGENCIES**- Each cooperating State agency shall, in carrying out paragraph (1)(B)--

(A) advise each worker who applies for unemployment insurance of the benefits under this part and the procedures and deadlines for applying for such benefits;

(B) facilitate the early filing of petitions under section 425(a) for any workers that the agency considers are likely to be eligible for benefits under this part;

(C) advise each adversely affected worker to apply for training under section 426(b) before, or at the same time, the worker applies for climate change adjustment allowances under section 426(a);

(D) perform outreach to, intake of, and orientation for adversely

affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under section 426(a) with respect to assistance and benefits available under this part;

(E) make employment services described in section 426(b)(1) available to adversely affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under section 425(d) and, if funds provided to carry out this part are insufficient to make such services available, make arrangements to make such services available through other Federal programs; and

(F) provide the benefits and reemployment services under this part in a manner that is necessary for the proper and efficient administration of this part, including the use of state agency personnel employed in accordance with a merit system of personnel administration standards, including--

(i) making determinations of eligibility for, and payment of, climate change readjustment allowances and health care benefit replacement amounts;

(ii) developing recommendations regarding payments as a bridge to retirement and lump sum payments to pension plans in accordance with this subsection; and

(iii) the provision of reemployment services to eligible workers, including referral to training services.

(7) In order to promote the coordination of workforce investment activities in each State with activities carried out under this part, any agreement entered into under this section shall provide that the State shall submit to the Secretary, in such form as the Secretary may require, the description and information described in paragraphs (8) and (14) of section 112(b) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2822(b)) and a description of the State's rapid response activities under section 221(a)(2)(A).

(8) CONTROL MEASURES-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall require each cooperating State and cooperating State agency to implement effective control measures and to effectively oversee the operation and administration of the climate change adjustment assistance program under this part, including by means of monitoring the operation of control measures to improve the accuracy and timeliness of the data being collected and reported.

(B) DEFINITION- For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘control measures’ means measures that--

- (i) are internal to a system used by a State to collect data; and
- (ii) are designed to ensure the accuracy and verifiability of such data.

(9) DATA REPORTING-

(A) IN GENERAL- Any agreement entered into under this section shall require the cooperating State or cooperating State agency to report to the Secretary on a quarterly basis comprehensive performance accountability data, to consist of--

- (i) the core indicators of performance described in subparagraph (B)(i);
- (ii) the additional indicators of performance described in subparagraph (B)(ii), if any; and
- (iii) a description of efforts made to improve outcomes for workers under the climate change adjustment assistance program.

(B) CORE INDICATORS DESCRIBED-

- (i) IN GENERAL- The core indicators of performance

described in this subparagraph are--

(I) the percentage of workers receiving benefits under this part who are employed during the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits;

(II) the percentage of such workers who are employed in each of the third and fourth calendar quarters following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits; and

(III) the earnings of such workers in each of the third and fourth calendar quarters following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits.

(ii) **ADDITIONAL INDICATORS-** The Secretary and a cooperating State or cooperating State agency may agree upon additional indicators of performance for the climate change adjustment assistance program under this part, as appropriate.

(C) STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO RELIABILITY OF DATA- In preparing the quarterly report required by subparagraph (A), each cooperating State or cooperating State agency shall establish procedures that are consistent with guidelines to be issued by the Secretary to ensure that the data reported are valid and reliable.

(10) VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS-

(A) IN GENERAL- An agreement under this section shall provide that the State shall periodically redetermine that a worker receiving benefits under this part who is not a citizen or national of the United States remains in a satisfactory immigration status. Once satisfactory immigration status has been initially verified through the immigration status verification system described in section

1137(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(d)) for purposes of establishing a worker's eligibility for unemployment compensation, the State shall reverify the worker's immigration status if the documentation provided during initial verification will expire during the period in which that worker is potentially eligible to receive benefits under this part. The State shall conduct such redetermination in a timely manner, utilizing the immigration status verification system described in section 1137(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(d)).

(B) PROCEDURES- The Secretary shall establish procedures to ensure the uniform application by the States of the requirements of this paragraph.

(b) Administration Absent State Agreement-

(1) In any State where there is no agreement in force between a State or its agency under subsection (a), the Secretary shall promulgate regulations for the performance of all necessary functions under section 426, including provision for a fair hearing for any worker whose application for payments is denied.

(2) A final determination under paragraph (1) with respect to entitlement to program benefits under section 426 is subject to review by the courts in the same manner and to the same extent as is provided by section 205(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(g)).

(c) Prohibition on Contracting With Private Entities- Neither the Secretary nor a State may contract with any private for-profit or nonprofit entity for the administration of the climate change adjustment assistance program under this part.

(d) Payment to the States-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each cooperating State the sums necessary to enable such State as agent of the United States to

make payments provided for by this part.

(2) **RESTRICTION**- All money paid a State under this subsection shall be used solely for the purposes for which it is paid; and money so paid which is not used for such purposes shall be returned, at the time specified in the agreement under this section, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

(3) **BONDS**- Any agreement under this section may require any officer or employee of the State certifying payments or disbursing funds under the agreement or otherwise participating in the performance of the agreement, to give a surety bond to the United States in such amount as the Secretary may deem necessary, and may provide for the payment of the cost of such bond from funds for carrying out the purposes of this part.

(e) **Labor Standards-**

(1) **PROHIBITION ON DISPLACEMENT**- An individual in an apprenticeship program or on-the-job training program under this part shall not displace (including a partial displacement, such as a reduction in the hours of non-overtime work, wages, or employment benefits) any employed employee.

(2) **PROHIBITION ON IMPAIRMENT OF CONTRACTS**- An apprenticeship program or on-the-job training program under this Act shall not impair an existing contract for services or collective bargaining agreement, and no such activity that would be inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement shall be undertaken without the written concurrence of the labor organization and employer concerned.

(3) **ADDITIONAL STANDARDS**- The Secretary, or a State acting under an agreement described in subsection (a) may pay the costs of on-the-job training, notwithstanding any other provision of this section, only if--

(A) in the case of training which would be inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the written concurrence of the labor organization concerned has been obtained;

(B) the job for which such adversely affected worker is being trained is not being created in a promotional line that will infringe in any way upon the promotional opportunities of currently employed individuals;

(C) such training is not for the same occupation from which the worker was separated and with respect to which such worker's group was certified pursuant to section 425(d);

(D) the employer is provided reimbursement of not more than 50 percent of the wage rate of the participant, for the cost of providing the training and additional supervision related to the training; and

(E) the employer has not received payment under with respect to any other on-the-job training provided by such employer which failed to meet the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (D).

(f) Definitions- As used in this part the following definitions apply:

(1) The term 'adversely affected employment' means employment at an employment site, if workers at such site are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part.

(2) The term 'adversely affected worker' means an individual who has been totally or partially separated from employment and is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this part.

(3) The term 'average weekly wage' means 1/13 of the total wages paid to an individual in the quarter in which the individual's total wages were highest among the first 4 of the last 5 completed calendar quarters immediately before the quarter in which occurs the week with respect to which the computation is made. Such week shall be the week in which total separation occurred, or, in cases where partial separation is

claimed, an appropriate week, as defined in regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(4) The term ‘average weekly hours’ means the average hours worked by the individual (excluding overtime) in the employment from which he has been or claims to have been separated in the 52 weeks (excluding weeks during which the individual was sick or on vacation) preceding the week specified in the last sentence of paragraph (4).

(5) The term ‘benefit period’ means, with respect to an individual--

(A) the benefit year and any ensuing period, as determined under applicable State law, during which the individual is eligible for regular compensation, additional compensation, or extended compensation; or

(B) the equivalent to such a benefit year or ensuing period provided for under the applicable Federal unemployment insurance law.

(6) The term ‘consumer goods manufacturing’ means the electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing industry and transportation equipment manufacturing.

(7) The term ‘employment site’ means a single facility or site of employment.

(8) The term ‘energy-intensive manufacturing industries’ means all industrial sectors, entities, or groups of entities that meet the energy or greenhouse gas intensity criteria in section 765(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Clean Air Act based on the most recent data available.

(9) The term ‘energy producing and transforming industries’ means the coal mining industry, oil and gas extraction, electricity power generation, transmission and distribution, and natural gas distribution.

(10) The term ‘industries dependent on energy industries’ means rail transportation and pipeline transportation.

(11) The term ‘on-the-job training’ means training provided by an employer to an individual who is employed by the employer.

(12) The terms ‘partial separation’ and ‘partially separated’ refer, with respect to an individual who has not been totally separated, that such individual has had--

(A) his or her hours of work reduced to 80 percent or less of his average weekly hours in adversely affected employment; and

(B) his or her wages reduced to 80 percent or less of his average weekly wage in such adversely affected employment.

(13) The term ‘public agency’ means a department or agency of a State or political subdivision of a State or of the Federal Government.

(14) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Labor.

(15) The term ‘service workers’ means workers supplying support or auxiliary services to an employment site.

(16) The term ‘State agency’ means the agency of the State which administers the State law.

(17) The term ‘State law’ means the unemployment insurance law of the State approved by the Secretary of Labor under section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(18) The terms ‘total separation’ and ‘totally separated’ refer to the layoff or severance of an individual from employment with an employer in which adversely affected employment exists.

(19) The term ‘unemployment insurance’ means the unemployment compensation payable to an individual under any State law or Federal unemployment compensation law, including chapter 85 of title 5, United States Code, and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. The terms ‘regular compensation’, ‘additional compensation’, and ‘extended

compensation' have the same respective meanings that are given them in section 205(2), (3), and (4) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

(20) The term 'week' means a week as defined in the applicable State law.

(21) The term 'week of unemployment' means a week of total, part-total, or partial unemployment as determined under the applicable State law or Federal unemployment insurance law.

(g) Special Rule With Respect to Military Service-

(1) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the Secretary may waive any requirement of this part that the Secretary determines is necessary to ensure that an adversely affected worker who is a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces and serves a period of duty described in paragraph (2) is eligible to receive a climate change adjustment allowance, training, and other benefits under this part in the same manner and to the same extent as if the worker had not served the period of duty.

(2) PERIOD OF DUTY DESCRIBED- An adversely affected worker serves a period of duty described in this paragraph if, before completing training under this part, the worker--

(A) serves on active duty for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days; or

(B) in the case of a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or Air National Guard of the United States, performs full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, for 30 consecutive days or more when authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds.

(h) Fraud and Recovery of Overpayments-

(1) RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS TO WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT ENTITLED- If the Secretary or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any person has received any payment under this part to which the individual was not entitled, such individual shall be liable to repay such amount to the Secretary, as the case may be, except that the Secretary shall waive such repayment if such agency or the Secretary determines that--

(A) the payment was made without fault on the part of such individual; and

(B) requiring such repayment would cause a financial hardship for the individual (or the individual's household, if applicable) when taking into consideration the income and resources reasonably available to the individual (or household) and other ordinary living expenses of the individual (or household).

(2) MEANS OF RECOVERY- Unless an overpayment is otherwise recovered, or waived under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall recover the overpayment by deductions from any sums payable to such person under this part, under any Federal unemployment compensation law or other Federal law administered by the Secretary which provides for the payment of assistance or an allowance with respect to unemployment. Any amount recovered under this section shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States.

(i) Regulations- The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this part.

(j) Study on Older Workers- The Secretary shall conduct a study examine the circumstances of older adversely affected workers and the ability of such workers to access their retirement benefits. The Secretary shall transmit a report to Congress not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this part on the findings of the study and the Secretary's recommendations on how to ensure that adversely affected workers within 2

years of retirement are able to access their retirement benefits.

(k) **Spending Limit-** For each fiscal year, the total amount of funds disbursed for the purposes described in section 426 shall not exceed the amount deposited in that fiscal year into the Climate Change Worker Assistance Fund established under section 782(j) of the Clean Air Act. The annual spending limit for any succeeding year shall be increased by the difference, if any, between the amount of the prior year's disbursements and the spending limitation for that year. The Secretary shall promulgate rules to ensure that this spending limit is not exceeded. Such rules shall provide that workers who receive any of the benefits described in section 426 receive full benefits, and shall include the establishment of a waiting list for workers in the event that the requests for assistance exceed the spending limit.

Subtitle C--Consumer Assistance

SEC. 431. ENERGY REFUND PROGRAM.

The Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

‘TITLE XXII--ENERGY REFUND PROGRAM

‘SEC. 2201. ENERGY REFUND PROGRAM.

‘(a) **In General-** The Secretary shall formulate and administer the program provided for in this section, which shall be known as the ‘Energy Refund Program’, and under which eligible low-income households are provided cash payments to reimburse the households for the estimated loss in their purchasing power resulting from the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

‘(b) **Entitlement of Eligible Households to Cash Payments-** At the request of the State agency of a State, each eligible low-income

household in the State shall be entitled to receive monthly cash payments under this section in an amount equal to the monthly energy refund amount determined under subsection (d).

‘(c) Eligibility-

‘(1) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS- A household shall be considered to be an eligible low-income household for purposes of this section if--

‘(A) the gross income of the household does not exceed the greater of--

‘(i) 150 percent of the poverty line; or

‘(ii) the greatest amount of household gross income in respect of which a benefit could be payable under subsection (d)(2)(B);

‘(B) the State agency of the State in which the household is located determines that the household is participating in--

‘(i) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

‘(ii) the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations authorized by section 4(b) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)); or

‘(iii) the program for nutrition assistance in Puerto Rico or American Samoa under section 19 of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2028);

‘(C) the household consists of a single individual or a married couple, and--

‘(i) receives the subsidy described in section 1860D-14

of this Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114); or

‘(ii)(I) participates in the program under title XVIII of this Act; and

‘(II) meets the income requirements described in section 1860D-14(a)(1) or (a)(2) of this Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114(a)(1) or (a)(2)); or

‘(D) the household consists of a single individual or a married couple, and receives benefits under the supplemental security income program under title XVI of this Act (42 U.S.C. 1381-1383f).

‘(2) STREAMLINED PARTICIPATION FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES- The Secretary shall--

‘(A) periodically estimate the number of eligible beneficiaries and households, and the number of participating beneficiaries and households, for the Energy Refund Program; and

‘(B) develop procedures, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the State agencies, to ensure that low-income beneficiaries of the benefit programs administered by such entities receive the energy refund for which the beneficiaries are eligible under the Energy Refund Program.

‘(3) LIMITATION- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall provide refunds to United States citizens, United States nationals, and individuals lawfully residing in the United States who qualify for a refund under paragraph (1)(A), and shall establish procedures to ensure that other individuals do not receive refunds.

‘(4) NATIONAL STANDARDS- The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Agriculture and establish uniform national standards of eligibility ensuring that States may seamlessly co-administer the energy refund program with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in accordance with the provisions of this section. No State agency shall impose any other standard or requirement as a condition of eligibility or refund receipt under the program. Assistance in the Energy Refund Program shall be furnished promptly to all eligible households who make application for such participation or are already enrolled in any program referred to in paragraph (1).

‘(d) Monthly Energy Refund Amount-

‘(1) ESTIMATED ANNUAL TOTAL LOSS IN PURCHASING POWER- Not later than August 31 of each fiscal year, the Energy Information Administration shall estimate the annual total loss in purchasing power that will result from American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 in the next fiscal year for households of each size with gross income equal to 150 percent of the poverty line, based on the projected total market value of all compliance costs (including, but not limited to, the emissions allowances used to demonstrate compliance with title VII of the Clean Air Act in the next fiscal year, and excluding costs that are not projected to be incurred by households as a result of allowances freely allocated and intended for residential consumer assistance pursuant to sections 783 through 785 of the Clean Air Act), in a way generally recognized as suitable by experts.

‘(2) MONTHLY ENERGY REFUND- The monthly energy refund amount for an eligible household under this section shall be--

‘(A) if the gross income of the household does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty line applicable to the

household--

‘(i) if the household has 1, 2, 3, or 4 members, 1/12 of the amount estimated under paragraph (1) for a household of the same size, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount; or

‘(ii) if the household has 5 or more members, 1/12 of the arithmetic mean value of the amounts estimated under paragraph (1) for households with 5 or more members, rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount; or

‘(B) if the gross income of the household exceeds 150 percent of the poverty line applicable to the household, 1/12 of the amount (if any) by which--

‘(i) the amount estimated under paragraph (1) for a household of the same size; exceeds

‘(ii) 20 percent of the amount by which the gross income of the household exceeds 150 percent of the poverty line.

‘(e) Delivery Mechanism-

‘(1) Subject to standards and an implementation schedule set by the Secretary, the energy refund shall be provided in monthly installments via--

‘(A) direct deposit into the eligible household’s designated bank account;

‘(B) the State’s electronic benefit transfer system; or

‘(C) another Federal or State mechanism, if such a mechanism is approved by the Secretary.

‘(2) Such standards shall include--

‘(A)(i) defining the required level of recipient protection regarding privacy;

‘(ii) guidance on how recipients are offered choices, when relevant, about the delivery mechanism;

‘(iii) guidance on ease of use and access to the refund, including the prohibition of fees charged to recipients for withdrawals or other services; and

‘(iv) cost-effective protections against improper accessing of the energy refund;

‘(B) operating standards that provide for interoperability between States and law enforcement monitoring; and

‘(C) other standards, as determined by the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee.

‘(f) Administration-

‘(1) IN GENERAL- The State agency of each participating State shall assume responsibility for the certification of applicant households and for the issuance of refunds and the control and accountability thereof.

‘(2) PROCEDURES- Under standards established by the Secretary, the State agency shall establish procedures governing the administration of the Energy Refund Program that the State agency determines best serve households in the State, including households with special needs, such as households with elderly or disabled members, households in rural areas, homeless individuals, and households residing on reservations as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and the Indian Financing Act of 1974. In carrying out this

paragraph, a State agency--

‘(A) shall provide timely, accurate, and fair service to applicants for, and participants in, the Energy Refund Program;

‘(B) shall permit an applicant household to apply to participate in the program at the time that the household first contacts the State agency, and shall consider an application that contains the name, address, and signature of the applicant to be sufficient to constitute an application for participation;

‘(C) shall screen any applicant household for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the State’s medical assistance program under section XIX of this Act, State Childrens Health Insurance Program under section XXI of this Act, and a State program that provides basic assistance under a State program funded under title IV of this Act or with qualified State expenditures as defined in section 409(a)(7) of this Act for eligibility for the Energy Refund Program and, if eligible, shall enroll such applicant household in the Energy Refund Program;

‘(D) shall complete certification of and provide a refund to any eligible household not later than 30 days following its filing of an application;

‘(E) shall use appropriate bilingual personnel and materials in the administration of the program in those portions of the State in which a substantial number of members of low-income households speak a language other than English; and

‘(F) shall utilize State agency personnel who are employed in accordance with the current standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration or any standards later

prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management pursuant to section 208 of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728) modifying or superseding such standards relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis to make all tentative and final determinations of eligibility and ineligibility.

‘(3) REGULATIONS-

‘(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall issue such regulations consistent with this section as the Secretary deems necessary or appropriate for the effective and efficient administration of the Energy Refund Program, and shall promulgate all such regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

‘(B) Without regard to section 553 of title 5 of such Code, the Administrator may by rule promulgate as final, to be effective until no later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, any procedures that are substantially the same as the procedures governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in section 273.2, 273.12, or 273.15 of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations.

‘(C) Notwithstanding subsection (i)(4), the Secretary may promulgate regulations allowing for streamlined eligibility determinations for some or all households which include individuals receiving assistance under a State plan approved under title XIX or XXI of this Act. The regulations may institute procedures whereby the income and family size information used for determining eligibility under such title XIX or XXI may be the basis for determining eligibility for the Energy Refund Program.

‘(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary may authorize States to provide benefits under this section on a quarterly basis if the Secretary determines that the amount of the benefits that would be provided on a monthly basis to households is insufficient to be efficiently paid on a monthly basis in light of the administrative expenses of the Energy Refund Program.

‘(g) Treatment- The value of the refund provided under this section shall not be considered income or resources for any purpose under any Federal, State, or local laws, including, but not limited to, laws relating to an income tax, or public assistance programs (including, but not limited to, health care, cash aid, child care, nutrition programs, and housing assistance) and no participating State or political subdivision thereof shall decrease any assistance otherwise provided an individual or individuals because of the receipt of a refund under this section.

‘(h) Program Integrity- For purposes of ensuring program integrity and complying with the requirements of the Improper Payment Information Act of 2002, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent possible, rely on and coordinate with the quality control sample and review procedures of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 16(c) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2025(c)).

‘(i) Definitions-

‘(1) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services or the head of another agency designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

‘(2) ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER SYSTEM- The term ‘electronic benefit transfer system’ means a system by which household benefits or refunds defined under subsection (e) are issued from and stored in a central databank via electronic benefit transfer cards.

‘(3) GROSS INCOME- The term ‘gross income’ means the gross income of a household that is determined in accordance with standards and procedures established under section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) and its implementing regulations.

‘(4) HOUSEHOLD-

‘(A) The term ‘household’ means--

‘(i) in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(1) of this section, except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, an individual or a group of individuals who are a household under section 3(n) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(n));

‘(ii) in subsection (c)(1)(C) of this section, a single individual or married couple that receives benefits under section 1860D-14 of this Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114); and

‘(iii) in subsection (c)(1)(D) of this section, a single individual or married couple that receives benefits under the supplemental security income program under title XVI of this Act (42 U.S.C. 1381-1383f).

‘(B) The Secretary shall establish rules for providing the energy refund in an equitable and administratively simple manner to households where the group of individuals who live together includes members not all of whom are described in a single clause of subparagraph (A), or includes additional members not described in any such clause.

‘(C) The Secretary shall establish rules regarding the eligibility and delivery of the energy refund to groups of

individuals described in section 3(n)(4) or (5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(n)).

‘(5) POVERTY LINE- The term ‘poverty line’ has the meaning given the term in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including any revision required by that section.

‘(6) STATE- The term ‘State’ means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

‘(7) STATE AGENCY- The term ‘State agency’ means an agency of State government, including the local offices thereof, that has responsibility for administration of the 1 or more federally aided public assistance programs within the State, and in those States where such assistance programs are operated on a decentralized basis, the term shall include the counterpart local agencies administering such programs.

‘(8) OTHER TERMS- Other terms not defined in this title shall have the same meaning applied in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program authorized by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) unless the Secretary finds for good cause that application of a particular definition would be detrimental to the purposes of the Energy Refund Program.’.

SEC. 432. MODIFICATION OF EARNED INCOME CREDIT AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO QUALIFYING CHILDREN.

(a) In General- Subsection (b) of section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

‘(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH NO

QUALIFYING CHILDREN WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009-

‘(A) IN GENERAL- In the case of any household which the Secretary determines experienced a reduction in purchasing power as a result of the provisions of, or amendments made by, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (determined without regard to this paragraph and section 2201 of the Social Security Act)--

‘(i) INCREASE IN CREDIT PERCENTAGE AND PHASEOUT PERCENTAGE- The table contained in paragraph (1)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘15.3’ for ‘7.65’.

‘(ii) INCREASE IN BEGINNING PHASEOUT AMOUNT- The table contained in paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$11,640’ for ‘\$5,280’.

‘(B) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT-

‘(i) IN GENERAL- In the case of any taxable year beginning after 2012, the \$11,640 amount in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be increased by an amount equal to--

‘(I) such dollar amount, multiplied by

‘(II) the cost of living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2011’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

‘(ii) ROUNDING- Subparagraph (A) of subsection (j)(2) shall apply after taking into account any increase

under clause (i) in the same manner as if such increase were under paragraph (1) of subsection (j).

‘(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS- Paragraph (1) of subsection (j) shall not apply to the dollar amount substituted under subparagraph (A)(ii).’.

(b) Effective Date- The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011.

SEC. 433. PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TRUST FUNDS.

(a) OASDI Trust Funds- Section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(o) The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from time to time to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, from amounts in the general fund of the Treasury that are not otherwise appropriated, such sums as the Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration calculates as necessary (and so certifies to such Secretary) for any fiscal year, on account of changes in benefit costs and changes in tax revenue attributable to the provisions of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and the amendments made thereby, in order to place each of such Trust Funds in the same position at the end of such fiscal year as the position in which such Trust Fund would have been if such changes had not occurred.’.

(b) HI Trust Fund- Section 1817 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(l) Transfers to Account for Changes in Benefit Costs and Changes in Tax Revenue Attributable to the American Clean Energy and

Security Act of 2009- The Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from time to time to the Trust Fund, from amounts in the general fund of the Treasury that are not otherwise appropriated, such sums as the Chief Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services calculates as necessary (and so certifies to such Secretary) for any fiscal year, on account of changes in benefit costs and changes in tax revenue attributable to the provisions of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 and the amendments made thereby, in order to place the Trust Fund in the same position at the end of such fiscal year as the position in which it would have been if such changes had not occurred.’.

Subtitle D--Exporting Clean Technology

SEC. 441. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) Findings- Congress finds the following:

- (1) Protecting Americans from the impacts of climate change requires global reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- (2) Although developing countries are historically least responsible for the cumulative greenhouse gas emissions that are causing climate change and continue to have very low per capita greenhouse gas emissions, their overall greenhouse gas emissions are increasing as they seek to grow their economies and reduce energy poverty for their populations.
- (3) Many developing countries lack the financial and technical resources to adopt clean energy technologies and absent assistance their greenhouse gas emissions will continue to increase.
- (4) Investments in clean energy technology cooperation can substantially reduce global greenhouse gas emissions while providing developing countries with incentives to adopt policies that will address competitiveness concerns related to regulation of United States

greenhouse gas emissions.

(5) Investments in clean technology in developing countries will increase demand for clean energy products, open up new markets for United States companies, spur innovation, and lower costs.

(6) Under Article 4 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, developed country parties, including the United States, committed to ‘take all practicable steps to promote, facilitate, and finance, as appropriate, the transfer of, or access to, environmentally sound technologies and know-how to other parties, particularly developing country parties, to enable them to implement the provisions of the Convention’.

(7) Under the Bali Action Plan, developed country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the United States, committed to ‘enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation,’ including, inter alia, consideration of ‘improved access to adequate, predictable, and sustainable financial resources and financial and technical support, and the provision of new and additional resources, including official and concessional funding for developing country parties’.

(8) Intellectual property rights are a key driver of investment and research and development in, and the global deployment of, clean technologies.

(9) Innovative clean technologies, including U.S. and multilateral financing mechanisms for their deployment, are critical to mitigating global warming pollution, preventing catastrophic changes to the climate, and developing robust economies around the world.

(10) Any weakening of intellectual property rights protection poses a substantial competitive risk to U.S. companies and the creation of high-quality U.S. jobs, inhibiting the creation of new ‘green’ employment and the transformational shift to the ‘Green Economy’ of

the 21st Century.

(11) Any U.S. funding directed toward assisting developing countries with regard to exporting clean technology should promote the robust compliance with and enforcement of existing international legal requirements for the protection of intellectual property rights as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C.3511(d)(15) and in applicable intellectual property provisions of bilateral trade agreements.

(b) Purposes- The purposes of this subtitle are--

(1) to provide United States assistance and leverage private resources to encourage widespread implementation, in developing countries, of activities that reduce, sequester, or avoid greenhouse gas emissions; and

(2) to provide such assistance in a manner that--

(A) encourages such countries to adopt policies and measures, including sector-based and cross-sector policies and measures, that substantially reduce, sequester, or avoid greenhouse gas emissions;

(B) promotes the successful negotiation of a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and

(C) promotes robust compliance with and enforcement of existing international legal requirements for the protection of intellectual property rights, as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)) and in applicable intellectual property provisions of bilateral trade agreements.

SEC. 442. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

- (1) ALLOWANCE- The term ‘allowance’ means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act.
- (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES- The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means--
 - (A) the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and
 - (B) the Committees on Environment and Public Works, Energy and Natural Resources, and Foreign Relations of the Senate.
- (3) CONVENTION- The term ‘Convention’ means the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, done at New York on May 9, 1992, and entered into force on March 21, 1994.
- (4) DEVELOPING COUNTRY- The term ‘developing country’ means a country eligible to receive official development assistance according to the income guidelines of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- (5) ELIGIBLE COUNTRY- The term ‘eligible country’ means a developing country that is determined by the interagency group under section 444 to be eligible to receive assistance under this subtitle.
- (6) INTERAGENCY GROUP- The term ‘interagency group’ means the group established by the President under section 443 to administer the program established under this subtitle.
- (7) LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY- The term ‘least developed country’ means a foreign country the United Nations has identified as among the least developed of developing countries.
- (8) QUALIFYING ACTIVITY- The term ‘qualifying activity’ means an activity that meets the criteria in section 445.

(9) **QUALIFYING ENTITY-** The term ‘qualifying entity’ means a national, regional, or local government in, or a nongovernmental organization or private entity located or operating in, an eligible country.

SEC. 443. GOVERNANCE.

(a) **Oversight-** The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, in consultation with the interagency group established under subsection (b), shall oversee distributions of allowances allocated under section 782(o) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act) for distribution pursuant to this subtitle.

(b) **Interagency Group-** The President shall establish an interagency group to administer the program established under this subtitle. The Members of the interagency group shall include--

(1) the Secretary of State;

(2) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) the Secretary of Energy;

(4) the Secretary of the Treasury;

(5) the Secretary of Commerce;

(6) the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and

(7) any other head of a Federal agency or executive branch appointee that the President may designate.

(c) **Chairperson-** The Secretary of State shall serve as the chairperson of the interagency group.

(d) **Supplement Not Supplant-** Allowances distributed pursuant to this subtitle shall be used to supplement, and not to supplant, any other Federal,

State, or local resources available to carry out activities that are qualifying activities under this subtitle.

SEC. 444. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.

(a) In General- The interagency group shall determine a country to be an eligible country for the purposes of this subtitle if a country meets the following criteria:

(1) The country is a developing country that--

(A) has entered into an international agreement to which the United States is a party, under which such country agrees to take actions to produce measurable, reportable, and verifiable greenhouse gas emissions mitigation; or

(B) is determined by the interagency group to have in force national policies and measures that are capable of producing measurable, reportable, and verifiable greenhouse gas emissions mitigation.

(2) The country has developed a nationally appropriate mitigation strategy that seeks to achieve substantial reductions, sequestration, or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, relative to business-as-usual levels.

(3) Subject to subsection (b)(1), such other criteria as the President determines will serve the purposes of this subtitle or other United States national security, foreign policy, environmental, or economic objectives including robust compliance with and enforcement of existing international legal requirements for the protection of intellectual property rights for clean technology, as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)) and in applicable intellectual property provisions of bilateral trade agreements.

(b) Exceptions-

(1) Subsection (a)(3) applies only to bilateral assistance under section 446(c)(4).

(2) The eligibility criteria in this section do not apply in the case of least developed countries receiving assistance under section 445(7) for the purpose of building capacity to meet such eligibility criteria.

SEC. 445. QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES.

Assistance under this subtitle may be provided only to qualifying entities for clean technology activities (including building relevant technical and institutional capacity) that contribute to substantial, measurable, reportable, and verifiable reductions, sequestration, or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions including--

(1) deployment of technologies to capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions from electric generating units or large industrial sources (except that assistance under this subtitle for such deployment shall be limited to the cost of retrofitting existing facilities with such technologies or the incremental cost of purchasing and installing such technologies at new facilities);

(2) deployment of renewable electricity generation from wind, solar, sustainably produced biomass, geothermal, marine, or hydrokinetic sources;

(3) substantial increases in the efficiency of electricity transmission, distribution, and consumption;

(4) deployment of low- or zero emissions technologies that are facing financial or other barriers to their widespread deployment which could be addressed through support under this subtitle in order to reduce, sequester, or avoid emission;

(5) reduction in transportation sector emissions through increased transportation system and vehicle efficiency or use of transportation fuels that have lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions that are substantially

lower than those attributable to fossil fuel-based alternatives;

(6) reduction in black carbon emissions; or

(7) capacity building activities, including--

(A) developing and implementing methodologies and programs for measuring and quantifying greenhouse gas emissions and verifying emissions mitigation;

(B) assessing, developing, and implementing technology and policy options for greenhouse gas emissions mitigation and avoidance of future emissions, including sector and cross-sector mitigation strategies; and

(C) providing other forms of technical assistance to facilitate the qualification for, and receipt of, assistance under this Act.

SEC. 446. ASSISTANCE.

(a) In General- The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, is authorized to provide assistance, through the distribution of allowances allocated for such purpose under section 782(o) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act) for qualifying activities that take place in eligible countries, in accordance with the requirements of this subtitle.

(b) Definition- For the purposes of this section the term ‘clean technology’ means any technology or service related to the qualifying activities identified in section 445.

(c) Distribution of Allowances-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, after consultation with the interagency group, shall distribute allowances under this subtitle--

(A) in the form of bilateral assistance in accordance with paragraph (4);

(B) to multilateral funds or institutions pursuant to the Convention or an agreement negotiated under the Convention; or

(C) through some combination of the mechanisms identified in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(2) GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY- For any allowances provided to the Global Environment Facility pursuant to paragraph (1)(B), the President shall designate the Secretary of the Treasury to distribute those allowances to the Global Environment Facility.

(3) DISTRIBUTION THROUGH INTERNATIONAL FUND OR INSTITUTION- If allowances are distributed to a multilateral fund or institution, as authorized in paragraph (1), the Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, shall seek to ensure the establishment and implementation of adequate mechanisms to--

(A) apply and enforce the criteria for determination of eligible countries and qualifying activities under sections 444 and 445, respectively;

(B) require public reporting describing the process and methodology for selecting the ultimate recipients of assistance and a description of each activity that received assistance, including the amount of obligations and expenditures for assistance; and

(C) require that no funds be expended for the benefit of any qualifying activity where that activity or any activity relating to a qualifying activity under section 445 undermines the robust compliance with and enforcement of existing legal requirements for the protection of intellectual property rights for clean technology, as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the

Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)).

(4) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE-

(A) IN GENERAL- Bilateral assistance under paragraph (1) shall be carried out by the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in consultation with the interagency group.

(B) LIMITATIONS- Not more than 15 percent of allowances made available to carry out bilateral assistance under this subtitle in any year shall be distributed to support activities in any single country.

(C) SELECTION CRITERIA- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this subtitle, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after consultation with the interagency group, shall develop and publish a set of criteria to be used in evaluating activities within eligible countries for bilateral assistance under this subtitle.

(D) CRITERIA REQUIREMENTS- The criteria under subparagraph (C) shall require that--

(i) the activity is a qualifying activity;

(ii) the activity will be conducted as part of an eligible country's nationally appropriate mitigation strategy or as part of an eligible country's actions towards providing a nationally appropriate mitigation strategy to reduce, sequester, or avoid emissions being implemented by the eligible country;

(iii) the activity will not have adverse effects on human health, safety, or welfare, the environment, or natural resources;

(iv) any technologies deployed through bilateral assistance under this subtitle will be properly implemented and maintained;

(v) the activity will not cause any net loss of United States jobs or displacement of United States production;

(vi) costs of the activity will be shared by the host country government, private sector parties, or a multinational development bank, except that this clause does not apply to least developed countries;

(vii) the activity would not undermine the protection of intellectual property rights for clean technology, as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)) and applicable intellectual property provisions of bilateral trade agreements; and

(viii) the activity meets such other requirements as the interagency group determines appropriate to further the purposes of this subtitle.

(E) CRITERIA PREFERENCES- The criteria under subparagraph (C) shall give preference to activities that--

(i) promise to achieve large-scale greenhouse gas reductions, sequestration, or avoidance at a national, sectoral or cross-sectoral level;

(ii) have the potential to catalyze a shift within the host country towards widespread deployment of low- or zero-carbon energy technologies;

(iii) build technical and institutional capacity and other activities that are unlikely to be attractive to private sector funding; or

(iv) maximize opportunities to leverage other sources of assistance and catalyze private-sector investment.

(d) Monitoring, Evaluation, and Enforcement- The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, in consultation with the interagency group, shall establish and implement a system to monitor and evaluate the performance of activities receiving assistance under this subtitle. The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, shall have the authority to suspend or terminate assistance in whole or in part for an activity if it is determined that the activity is not operating in compliance with the approved proposal.

(e) Coordination With U.S. Foreign Assistance- Subject to the direction of the President, the Secretary of State shall, to the extent practicable, seek to align activities under this section with broader development, poverty alleviation, or natural resource management objectives and initiatives in the recipient country.

(f) Annual Reports- Not later than March 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the assistance provided under this subtitle during the prior fiscal year. Such report shall include--

(1) a description of the amount and value of allowances distributed during the prior fiscal year;

(2) a description of each activity that received assistance during the prior fiscal year, and a description of the anticipated and actual outcomes;

(3) an assessment of any adverse effects to human health, safety, or welfare, the environment, or natural resources as a result of activities supported under this subtitle;

(4) an assessment of the success of the assistance provided under this subtitle to improving the technical and institutional capacity to implement substantial emissions reductions;

(5) an estimate of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions,

sequestration, or avoidance achieved by assistance provided under this subtitle during the prior fiscal year; and

(6) an assessment whether any funds expended for the benefit of any qualifying activity undermined the protection of intellectual property rights for clean technology, as formulated in the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, referred to in section 101(d)(15) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3511(d)(15)) and applicable intellectual property provisions of bilateral trade agreements.

(g) Not Eligible for Offset Credit- Activities that receive support under this subtitle shall not be issued offset credits for the greenhouse gas emissions reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, produced by such activities.

Subtitle E--Adapting to Climate Change

PART 1--DOMESTIC ADAPTATION

Subpart A--National Climate Change Adaptation Program

SEC. 451. GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH AND DATA MANAGEMENT.

(a) Short Title- This section may be cited as the ‘Global Change Research and Data Management Act of 2009’.

(b) Global Change Research-

(1) PURPOSE- The purpose of this subsection is to provide for the continuation and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States observation, research, and outreach program which will assist the

Nation and the world to understand, assess, predict, and respond to the effects of human-induced and natural processes of global change.

(2) DEFINITIONS- For purposes of this subsection--

(A) the term ‘global change’ means human-induced or natural changes in the global environment (including alterations in climate, land productivity, oceans or other water resources, atmospheric chemistry, biodiversity, and ecological systems) that may alter the capacity of the Earth to sustain life;

(B) the term ‘global change research’ means study, monitoring, assessment, prediction, and information management activities to describe and understand--

(i) the interactive physical, chemical, and biological processes that regulate the total Earth system;

(ii) the unique environment that the Earth provides for life;

(iii) changes that are occurring in the Earth system; and

(iv) the manner in which such system, environment, and changes are influenced by human actions;

(C) the term ‘interagency committee’ means the interagency committee established under paragraph (3);

(D) the term ‘Plan’ means the National Global Change Research and Assessment Plan developed under paragraph (5);

(E) the term ‘Program’ means the United States Global Change Research Program established under paragraph (4); and

(F) the term ‘regional climate change’ means the natural or human-induced changes manifested in the local or regional environment (including alterations in weather patterns, land productivity, water resources, sea level rise, atmospheric chemistry, biodiversity, and

ecological systems) that may alter the capacity of a specific region to support current or future social and economic activity or natural ecosystems.

(3) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND COORDINATION-

(A) ESTABLISHMENT- The President shall establish or designate an interagency committee to ensure cooperation and coordination of all Federal research activities pertaining to processes of global change for the purpose of increasing the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal global change research efforts. The interagency committee shall include research and program representatives of agencies conducting global change research, agencies with authority over resources likely to be affected by global change, and agencies with authority to mitigate human-induced global change.

(B) FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE- The interagency committee shall--

- (i) serve as the forum for developing the Plan and for overseeing its implementation;
- (ii) serve as the forum for developing the vulnerability assessment under paragraph (7);
- (iii) ensure cooperation among Federal agencies with respect to global change research activities;
- (iv) work with academic, State, industry, and other groups conducting global change research, to provide for periodic public and peer review of the Program;
- (v) cooperate with the Secretary of State in--

(I) providing representation at international meetings and conferences on global change research in which the United

States participates; and

(II) coordinating the Federal activities of the United States with programs of other nations and with international global change research activities;

(vi) work with appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local authorities to ensure that the Program is designed to produce information needed to develop policies to mitigate human-induced global change and to reduce the vulnerability of the United States and other regions to global change;

(vii) facilitate ongoing dialog and information exchange with regional, State, and local governments and other user communities; and

(viii) identify additional decisionmaking groups that may use information generated through the Program.

(4) UNITED STATES GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM-

(A) ESTABLISHMENT- The President shall establish an interagency United States Global Change Research Program to improve understanding of global change, to respond to the information needs of communities and decisionmakers, and to provide periodic assessments of the vulnerability of the United States and other regions to global and regional climate change. The Program shall be implemented in accordance with the Plan.

(B) LEAD AGENCY- The lead agency for the United States Global Change Research Program shall be the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(C) INTERAGENCY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES- The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, in consultation with the interagency committee, shall identify activities included in the Plan that involve participation by 2 or more agencies in the

Program, and that do not fall within the current fiscal year budget allocations of those participating agencies, to fulfill the requirements of this section. The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall allocate funds to the agencies to conduct the identified interagency activities. Such activities may include--

- (i) development of scenarios for climate, land-cover change, population growth, and socioeconomic development;
- (ii) calibration and testing of alternative regional and global climate models;
- (iii) identification of economic sectors and regional climatic zones; and
- (iv) convening regional workshops to facilitate information exchange and involvement of regional, State, and local decisionmakers, non-Federal experts, and other stakeholder groups in the activities of the Program.

(D) WORKSHOPS- The Director shall ensure that at least one workshop is held per year in each region identified by the Plan under paragraph (5)(B)(xi) to facilitate information exchange and outreach to regional, State, and local stakeholders as required by this section.

(E) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- There are authorized to be appropriated to the Office of Science and Technology Policy for carrying out this paragraph \$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2014.

(5) NATIONAL GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT PLAN-

(A) IN GENERAL- The President shall develop a National Global Change Research and Assessment Plan for implementation of the

Program. The Plan shall contain recommendations for global change research and assessment. The President shall submit an outline for the development of the Plan to the Congress within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and shall submit a completed Plan to the Congress within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act. Revised Plans shall be submitted to the Congress at least once every 5 years thereafter. In the development of each Plan, the President shall conduct a formal assessment process under this paragraph to determine the needs of appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local authorities and other interested parties regarding the types of information needed by them in developing policies to mitigate human-induced global change and to reduce society's vulnerability to global change and shall utilize these assessments, including the reviews by the National Academy of Sciences and the National Governors Association under subparagraphs (E) and (F), in developing the Plan.

(B) CONTENTS OF THE PLAN- The Plan shall--

- (i) establish, for the 10-year period beginning in the year the Plan is submitted, the goals and priorities for Federal global change research which most effectively advance scientific understanding of global change and provide information of use to Federal, State, regional, and local authorities in the development of policies relating to global change;
- (ii) describe specific activities, including efforts to determine user information needs, research activities, data collection, database development, and data analysis requirements, development of regional scenarios, assessment of model predictability, assessment of climate change impacts, participation in international research efforts, and information management, required to achieve such goals and priorities;
- (iii) identify relevant programs and activities of the Federal agencies that contribute to the Program directly and indirectly;

(iv) set forth the role of each Federal agency in implementing the Plan;

(v) consider and utilize, as appropriate, reports and studies conducted by Federal agencies, the National Research Council, or other entities;

(vi) make recommendations for the coordination of the global change research and assessment activities of the United States with such activities of other nations and international organizations, including--

(I) a description of the extent and nature of international cooperative activities;

(II) bilateral and multilateral efforts to provide worldwide access to scientific data and information; and

(III) improving participation by developing nations in international global change research and environmental data collection;

(vii) detail budget requirements for Federal global change research and assessment activities to be conducted under the Plan;

(viii) catalog the type of information identified by appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local decisionmakers needed to develop policies to reduce society's vulnerability to global change and indicate how the planned research will meet these decisionmakers' information needs;

(ix) identify the observing systems currently employed in collecting data relevant to global and regional climate change research and prioritize additional observation systems that may be needed to ensure adequate data collection and monitoring of global change;

(x) describe specific activities designed to facilitate outreach and data and information exchange with regional, State, and local governments and other user communities; and

(xi) identify and describe regions of the United States that are likely to experience similar impacts of global change or are likely to share similar vulnerabilities to global change.

(C) RESEARCH ELEMENTS- The Plan shall include at a minimum the following research elements:

(i) Global measurements, establishing worldwide to regional scale observations prioritized to understand global change and to meet the information needs of decisionmakers on all relevant spatial and time scales.

(ii) Information on economic, demographic, and technological trends that contribute to changes in the Earth system and that influence society's vulnerability to global and regional climate change.

(iii) Development of indicators and baseline databases to document global change, including changes in species distribution and behavior, extent of glaciations, and changes in sea level.

(iv) Studies of historical changes in the Earth system, using evidence from the geological and fossil record.

(v) Assessments of predictability using quantitative models of the Earth system to simulate global and regional environmental processes and trends.

(vi) Focused research initiatives to understand the nature of and interaction among physical, chemical, biological, land use, and social processes related to global and regional climate change.

(vii) Focused research initiatives to determine and then meet the information needs of appropriate Federal, State, and regional decisionmakers.

(D) INFORMATION MANAGEMENT- The Plan shall incorporate, to the extent practicable, the recommendations relating to data acquisition, management, integration, and archiving made by the interagency climate and other global change data management working group established under subsection (c)(3).

(E) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EVALUATION- The President shall enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences under which the Academy shall--

- (i) evaluate the scientific content of the Plan; and
- (ii) recommend priorities for future global and regional climate change research and assessment.

(F) NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION EVALUATION- The President shall enter into an agreement with the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices under which that Center shall--

- (i) evaluate the utility to State, local, and regional decisionmakers of each Plan and of the anticipated and actual information outputs of the Program for development of State, local, and regional policies to reduce vulnerability to global change; and
- (ii) recommend priorities for future global and regional climate change research and assessment.

(G) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- In developing the Plan, the President shall consult with representatives of academic, State, industry, and environmental groups. Not later than 90 days before the President submits the Plan, or any revision thereof, to the

Congress, a summary of the proposed Plan shall be published in the Federal Register for a public comment period of not less than 60 days.

(6) BUDGET COORDINATION-

(A) IN GENERAL- The President shall provide general guidance to each Federal agency participating in the Program with respect to the preparation of requests for appropriations for activities related to the Program.

(B) CONSIDERATION IN PRESIDENT'S BUDGET- The President shall submit, at the time of his annual budget request to Congress, a description of those items in each agency's annual budget which are elements of the Program.

(7) VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT-

(A) REQUIREMENT- Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and at least once every 5 years thereafter, the President shall submit to the Congress an assessment which--

(i) integrates, evaluates, and interprets the findings of the Program and discusses the scientific uncertainties associated with such findings;

(ii) analyzes current trends in global change, both human-induced and natural, and projects major trends for the subsequent 25 to 100 years;

(iii) based on indicators and baselines developed under paragraph (5)(C)(iii), as well as other measurements, analyzes changes to the natural environment, land and water resources, and biological diversity in--

(I) major geographic regions of the United States; and

(II) other continents;

(iv) analyzes the effects of global change, including the changes described in clause (iii), on food and fiber production, energy production and use, transportation, human health and welfare, water availability and coastal infrastructure, and human social and economic systems, including providing information about the differential impacts on specific geographic regions within the United States, on people of different income levels within those regions, and for rural and urban areas within those regions; and

(v) summarizes the vulnerability of different geographic regions of the world to global change and analyzes the implications of global change for the United States, including international assistance, population displacement, food and resource availability, and national security.

(B) USE OF RELATED REPORTS- To the extent appropriate, the assessment produced pursuant to this paragraph may coordinate with, consider, incorporate, or otherwise make use of related reports, assessments, or information produced by the United States Global Change Research Program, regional, State, and local entities, and international organizations, including the World Meteorological Organization and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

(8) POLICY ASSESSMENT- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and at least once every 4 years thereafter, the President shall enter into a joint agreement with the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Academy of Sciences under which the Academies shall--

(A) document current policy options being implemented by Federal, State, and local governments to mitigate or adapt to the effects of global and regional climate change;

(B) evaluate the realized and anticipated effectiveness of those current policy options in meeting mitigation and adaptation goals;

(C) identify and evaluate a range of additional policy options and infrastructure for mitigating or adapting to the effects of global and regional climate change;

(D) analyze the adoption rates of policies and technologies available to reduce the vulnerability of society to global change with an evaluation of the market and policy obstacles to their adoption in the United States; and

(E) evaluate the distribution of economic costs and benefits of these policy options across different United States economic sectors.

(9) ANNUAL REPORT- Each year at the time of submission to the Congress of the President's budget request, the President shall submit to the Congress a report on the activities conducted pursuant to this subsection, including--

(A) a description of the activities of the Program during the past fiscal year;

(B) a description of the activities planned in the next fiscal year toward achieving the goals of the Plan; and

(C) a description of the groups or categories of State, local, and regional decisionmakers identified as potential users of the information generated through the Program and a description of the activities used to facilitate consultations with and outreach to these groups, coordinated through the work of the interagency committee.

(10) RELATION TO OTHER AUTHORITIES- The President shall--

(A) ensure that relevant research, assessment, and outreach activities of the National Climate Program, established by the

National Climate Program Act (15 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.), are considered in developing national global and regional climate change research and assessment efforts; and

(B) facilitate ongoing dialog and information exchange with regional, State, and local governments and other user communities through programs authorized in the National Climate Program Act (15 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.).

(11) REPEAL- The Global Change Research Act of 1990 (15 U.S.C. 2921 et seq.) is amended by striking titles I and III thereof.

(12) GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH INFORMATION- The President shall establish or designate a Global Change Research Information Exchange to make scientific research and other information produced through or utilized by the Program which would be useful in preventing, mitigating, or adapting to the effects of global change accessible through electronic means.

(13) ICE SHEET STUDY AND REPORT-

(A) STUDY-

(i) REQUIREMENT- The Director of the National Science Foundation and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to complete a study of the current status of ice sheet melt, as caused by climate change, with implications for global sea level rise.

(ii) CONTENTS- The study shall take into consideration--

(I) the past research completed related to ice sheet melt as reviewed by Working Group I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

(II) additional research completed since the fall of 2005

that was not included in the Working Group I report due to time constraints; and

(III) the need for an accurate assessment of changes in ice sheet spreading, changes in ice sheet flow, self-lubrication, the corresponding effect on ice sheets, and current modeling capabilities.

(B) REPORT- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Academy of Sciences shall transmit to the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the key findings of the study conducted under subparagraph (A), along with recommendations for additional research related to ice sheet melt and corresponding sea level rise.

(14) HURRICANE FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY STUDY AND REPORT-

(A) STUDY-

(i) REQUIREMENT- The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Director of the National Science Foundation shall enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to complete a study of the current state of the science on the potential impacts of climate change on patterns of hurricane and typhoon development, including storm intensity, track, and frequency, and the implications for hurricane-prone and typhoon-prone coastal regions.

(ii) CONTENTS- The study shall take into consideration--

(I) the past research completed related to hurricane and typhoon development, track, and intensity as reviewed by Working Groups I and II of the Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change;

(II) additional research completed since the fall of 2005 that was not included in the Working Group I and II reports due to time constraints;

(III) the need for accurate assessment of potential changes in hurricane and typhoon intensity, track, and frequency and of the current modeling and forecasting capabilities and the need for improvements in forecasting of these parameters; and

(IV) the need for additional research and monitoring to improve forecasting of hurricanes and typhoons and to understand the relationship between climate change and hurricane and typhoon development.

(B) REPORT- Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Academy of Sciences shall transmit to the Committee on Science and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the key findings of the study conducted under subparagraph (A).

(c) Climate and Other Global Change Data Management-

(1) PURPOSES- The purposes of this subsection are to establish climate and other global change data management and archiving as Federal agency missions, and to establish Federal policies for managing and archiving climate and other global change data.

(2) DEFINITIONS- For purposes of this subsection--

(A) the term ‘metadata’ means information describing the content, quality, condition, and other characteristics of climate and other global change data, compiled, to the maximum extent possible, consistent with the requirements of the ‘Content Standard for

Digital Geospatial Metadata' (FGDC-STD-001-1998) issued by the Federal Geographic Data Committee, or any successor standard approved by the working group; and

(B) the term 'working group' means the interagency climate and other global change data management working group established under paragraph (3).

(3) INTERAGENCY CLIMATE AND OTHER GLOBAL CHANGE DATA MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP-

(A) ESTABLISHMENT- The President shall establish or designate an interagency climate and other global change data management working group to make recommendations for coordinating Federal climate and other global change data management and archiving activities.

(B) MEMBERSHIP- The working group shall include the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the National Science Foundation, the Director of the United States Geological Survey, the Archivist of the United States, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, or their designees, and representatives of any other Federal agencies the President considers appropriate.

(C) REPORTS- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the working group shall transmit a report to the Congress containing the elements described in subparagraph (D). Not later than 4 years after the initial report under this subparagraph, and at least once every 4 years thereafter, the working group shall transmit reports updating the previous report. In preparing reports under this subparagraph, the working group shall consult with expected users of the data collected and archived by the Program.

(D) CONTENTS- The reports and updates required under subparagraph (C) shall--

- (i) include recommendations for the establishment, maintenance, and accessibility of a catalog identifying all available climate and other global change data sets;
- (ii) identify climate and other global change data collections in danger of being lost and recommend actions to prevent such loss;
- (iii) identify gaps in climate and other global change data and recommend actions to fill those gaps;
- (iv) identify effective and compatible procedures for climate and other global change data collection, management, and retention and make recommendations for ensuring their use by Federal agencies and other appropriate entities;
- (v) develop and propose a coordinated strategy for funding and allocating responsibilities among Federal agencies for climate and other global change data collection, management, and retention;
- (vi) make recommendations for ensuring that particular attention is paid to the collection, management, and archiving of metadata;
- (vii) make recommendations for ensuring a unified and coordinated Federal capital investment strategy with respect to climate and other global change data collection, management, and archiving;
- (viii) evaluate the data record from each observing system and make recommendations to ensure that delivered data are free from time-dependent biases and random errors before they are transferred to long-term archives; and

(ix) evaluate optimal design of observation system components to ensure a cost-effective, adequate set of observations detecting and tracking global change.

SEC. 452. NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE.

(a) Short Title- This section may be cited as the ‘National Climate Service Act of 2009’.

(b) Purpose- The purpose of this section is to establish a National Climate Service and to define the activities to be undertaken within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to--

(1) advance understanding of climate variability and change at the global, national, regional, and local levels;

(2) provide forecasts, warnings, and other information to the public on variability and change in weather and climate that affect geographic areas, natural resources, infrastructure, economic sectors, and communities; and

(3) support development of adaptation and response plans by Federal agencies, State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and the public.

(c) Definitions- In this section:

(1) ADVISORY COMMITTEE- The term ‘Advisory Committee’ means the Climate Service Advisory Committee established under subsection (f).

(2) DIRECTOR- The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the Climate Service Office.

(3) REPRESENTATIVE- The term ‘representative’ means an individual who is not a full-time or part-time employee of the Federal Government and who is appointed to an advisory committee to represent the views of

an entity or entities outside the Federal Government.

(4) SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE- The term ‘Special Government Employee’ has the same meaning as in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code.

(5) UNDER SECRETARY- The term ‘Under Secretary’ means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

(d) Interagency Development of a National Climate Service-

(1) IN GENERAL- The President shall--

(A) initiate a process within 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act through the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of the National Science and Technology Council and led by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, to evaluate alternative structures to support a collaborative, interagency research and operational program that will achieve the goal of meeting the needs of decisionmakers in--

(i) Federal agencies;

(ii) State, local, and tribal governments;

(iii) regional entities and other stakeholders and users,

for reliable, timely, and relevant information related to climate variability and change;

(B) within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act complete pursuant to paragraph (2) a survey of the needs of current and future users of information related to climate variability and change;

(C) within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act report to Congress under paragraph (3) the results of the evaluation described in subparagraph (A) and provide a plan to establish a collaborative, interagency research and operational program to

deliver information related to climate variability and change to all users; and

(D) within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and after delivery of the report to Congress required under subparagraph (C), establish a National Climate Service, based upon the information obtained through the process described in subparagraph (A), that meets the goal described in subparagraph (A).

(2) SURVEY OF NEED FOR CLIMATE SERVICES-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, through the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, shall provide a report to Congress within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act that compiles information on the current climate products being delivered by each Federal agency and its partner organizations to users and stakeholders, and on the needs of users and stakeholders for new climate products and services.

(B) CONTENTS OF THE REPORT- The report shall identify--

- (i) specific user groups and stakeholders that currently are served by each Federal agency and its partner organizations;
- (ii) the type of climate products and services currently delivered to specific users groups and stakeholders, and the specific Federal agency office, program, or partner organization that delivers these products and services;
- (iii) potential user groups and stakeholders that may be served by expanding climate products and services;
- (iv) specific needs for new climate products and services to be delivered by each Federal agency and its partner organizations identified by user groups and stakeholders;

(v) a characterization of the different user and stakeholder groups that were surveyed by each Federal agency; and

(vi) a list of non-Federal entities that deliver climate products and services.

(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS-

(A) IN GENERAL- Within 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall report to the President and the Congress on a proposal, prepared through the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to establish and operate a National Climate Service. The report shall include--

(i) a description of the alternative structures considered;

(ii) a description of the structure proposed for a National Climate Service, including a discussion of the benefits of this structure as compared to the alternatives considered;

(iii) designation of a specific office or agency that will lead the National Climate Service and that shall be accountable for the daily operation of the National Climate Service;

(iv) a description of the role and capability of each Federal agency, including a list of all entities within each agency or supported with agency funds that currently provide or may provide climate products or services;

(v) a description of the mechanisms that will be used to ensure ongoing communication and information exchange among the Federal agencies and between Federal agencies and their respective user and stakeholder communities including--

(I) mechanisms to facilitate ongoing dialogue with non-Federal organizations providing climate services;

(II) mechanisms to facilitate ongoing dialogue with regional, State, local, and tribal governments, the private sector, and other users and stakeholders on the development and delivery of climate services;

(III) mechanisms to collect information, observations, and other data relevant for improving climate products and services; and

(IV) designation of points of contact for each Federal agency with responsibilities to deliver climate services;

(vi) a detailed description of the processes and procedures that will be necessary to coordinate observations and information collection by different Federal agencies to ensure the compatibility of information and to facilitate data and information exchange among Federal agencies and with non-Federal entities, and a designation of the agency or agencies that would be responsible for ongoing oversight of these functions;

(vii) a detailed description of how research findings and climate impact assessments produced through the United States Global Change Research Program and the other activities undertaken within the United States Global Change Research Program would be integrated with the activities undertaken by a National Climate Service;

(viii) a list of the existing observation and monitoring systems or programs operated by each Federal agency that provide data, observations, and other information that may be used to develop or improve climate products and services;

(ix) a description of new infrastructure, equipment, personnel or other resources, by agency, that may be needed to achieve the goals of a National Climate Service, and the time period over which these new resources will be allocated;

(x) an identification of the activities that may be undertaken in cooperation with international partners;

(xi) the mechanisms established to provide quality assurance and quality control of climate service products and services, and the agency or agencies designated to conduct and oversee these mechanisms;

(xii) an identification of non-Federal entities that provide climate products and services, and a description of the relationship envisioned between a National Climate Service and the non-Federal entities providing climate services; and

(xiii) responses to the comments received during the public comment period.

(B) DRAFT REPORT- Prior to the submission of the final report, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall publish a draft report in the Federal Register with a comment period of at least 30 days.

(C) CONSULTATION- In developing the report, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall consult with State, local, and tribal governments, regional entities, the private sector, and other users and stakeholder groups, and Congress.

(4) ANNUAL REPORT- The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall transmit to the Congress at the time of the President's fiscal year 2013 budget request, and annually thereafter, a report on the annual anticipated cost of carrying out the research and operational activities of the National Climate Service, with a description of the budget for each Federal agency's activities.

(e) Climate Service Program-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary, building upon the resources of the National Weather Service and other weather and climate programs

in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall establish a Climate Service Program.

(2) CLIMATE SERVICE OFFICE- The Under Secretary shall establish a Climate Service Office and shall appoint a Director of the Office to collaborate with the leadership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration line offices to perform the duties assigned to the Office. The Climate Service Office shall--

(A) coordinate programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to ensure the timely production and distribution of data and information on global, national, regional, and local climate variability and change over all time scales relevant for planning and response, including intraseasonal, interannual, decadal, and multidecadal time periods;

(B) ensure exchange of information between the research and operational offices at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to identify research needs for improving climate products and services and ensure the timely and orderly transition of research findings, improved technologies, models, and other tools to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's operations;

(C) ensure operational quality control of all Climate Service Program products including a transparent and open accounting of all the assumptions built into the global, national, regional, and local weather and climate computer models upon which such products are based;

(D) ensure a continuous level of high-quality data collected through a national observation and monitoring infrastructure, including at a minimum performing regular maintenance and verification, and periodic upgrades;

(E) serve as liaison to and exchange information with other Federal agencies that provide climate services in order to--

- (i) ensure the timely dissemination of data and information on weather and climate produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to other Federal agencies;
 - (ii) ensure that data and information collected by other Federal agencies relevant to improving climate services are made available to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
 - (iii) facilitate the development and delivery of climate products and services to relevant stakeholders; and
 - (iv) obtain information from other Federal agencies to improve the development and dissemination by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of information on weather and climate to other Federal agencies for the development of climate service products by those agencies;
- (F) ensure cooperation and collaboration, as appropriate, of the Climate Service Program with State, local, and tribal governments, regional entities, academic and nonprofit research organizations, and private sector entities, including weather information providers and other stakeholders; and
- (G) ensure exchange of data, information, and research with the United States Global Change Research Program to support the development of assessments required under the Global Change Research Act of 1990 (15 U.S.C. 2921 et seq.).

(3) CLIMATE SERVICE PROGRAM-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary shall operate the Climate Service Program through a national center, the Climate Service Office, and a network of regional and local facilities, including the established regional and local offices of the National Weather Service, 6 Regional Climate Centers, the offices of the Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments program, the National

Integrated Drought Information System, and any other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-supported regional and local entities, as appropriate.

(B) REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTERS PROGRAM- The Under Secretary shall maintain a network of 6 Regional Climate Centers to work cooperatively with the State Climate Offices to--

- (i) collect and exchange data and information needed to characterize, understand, and forecast regional and local weather and climate;
- (ii) facilitate collection and exchange of data and information between the States and Federal Government on weather and climate in conjunction with the National Climatic Data Center;
- (iii) support research and observations;
- (iv) obtain input on stakeholder needs for weather and climate information and products; and
- (v) support State and local adaptation and response planning.

(C) REGIONAL INTEGRATED SCIENCES AND ASSESSMENTS PROGRAM- The Under Secretary shall maintain a network of offices as part of the Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Program. Such offices shall engage in cooperative research, development, and demonstration projects with the academic community, State Climate Offices, Regional Climate Offices, and other users and stakeholders on climate products, technologies, models, and other tools to improve understanding and forecasting of regional and local climate variability and change and the effects on economic activities, natural resources, and water availability, and other effects on communities, to facilitate development of regional and local adaptation plans to respond to climate variability and change, and any other needed research

identified by the Under Secretary or the Advisory Committee.

(D) OTHER OFFICES- In carrying out the functions of the Climate Service Program, the Under Secretary shall utilize the assets and expertise of--

(i) the National Weather Service to--

(I) deliver operational weather and climate forecasts, warnings, products, and information through the Climate Service Programs Division, Local Weather Forecast Offices, Weather Service Offices, and River Forecast Centers; and

(II) develop climate forecast models and tools through the National Centers for Environmental Prediction;

(ii) the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service to provide data services and support for product development and operations through the National Climatic Data Center and the Regional Climate Centers;

(iii) the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research to--

(I) provide research on product development;

(II) improve weather and climate forecast models;

(III) provide new technologies and methods of observation; and

(IV) oversee the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration supported research performed by the Joint Cooperative Institutes, universities, and other non-Federal entities;

(iv) the National Integrated Drought Information System to--

- (I) provide an effective drought warning system;
 - (II) coordinate and integrate Federal research on droughts;
 - (III) collect and integrate information on key indicators of drought;
 - (IV) make usable, reliable, and timely forecasts and assessments of drought, including assessments of the severity of drought conditions and effects;
 - (V) communicate drought forecasts, conditions, and effects to Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, regional entities, the private sector, and the public; and
 - (VI) coordinate with State Climate Offices and RISA teams to assess management practices and technologies, and the effects of both, used for drought mitigation at the local, State, and regional levels; and
- (v) any other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration offices or programs, as appropriate.

(E) MISSION- The Under Secretary shall ensure that the core functions and missions of the National Weather Service, the National Integrated Drought Information System, and any other programs within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are not diminished or neglected by the establishment of the Climate Service Program or the duties imposed on such offices or programs under this paragraph.

(F) PROGRAM ELEMENTS- The Climate Service Program shall--

- (i) conduct analyses of and studies relating to the effects of weather and climate on communities, including effects on agricultural production, natural resources, energy supply and demand, recreation, and other sectors of the economy;

- (ii) carry out observations, data collection, and monitoring of atmospheric and oceanic conditions on a statewide, regional, national, and global basis;
- (iii) provide information and technical support for Federal, regional, State, tribal, and local government efforts to assess and respond to climate variability and change;
- (iv) develop systems for the management and dissemination of data, information, and assessments, including mechanisms for consultation with current and potential users and other stakeholders;
- (v) conduct research to improve forecasting, characterization, and understanding of weather and climate variability and change and its effects on communities, including its effects on agricultural production, natural resources, energy supply and demand, recreation, and other sectors of the economy; and
- (vi) develop tools to facilitate the use of climate information by local and regional stakeholders.

(f) Climate Service Advisory Committee-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary shall establish a Climate Service Advisory Committee to provide advice on--

- (A) climate service product development;
- (B) delivery of services to decisionmakers and other stakeholders;
- (C) infrastructure to support observations and monitoring;
- (D) computation and modeling needs, research needs, and other resources needed to develop, distribute, and ensure the utility of climate data, products, and services; and
- (E) any other topics as may be requested by the Under Secretary or

Congress.

(2) MEMBERS-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Advisory Committee shall be composed of at least 25 members appointed by the Under Secretary. Each member of the Advisory Committee shall be qualified either--

(i) by education, training, and experience to evaluate scientific and technical information on matters referred to the Advisory Committee under this subsection; or

(ii) to evaluate the utility and need for climate products by planners, decisionmakers, the private sector, and the public.

(B) TERMS OF SERVICE- Members shall be appointed for 3-year terms, renewable once, and shall serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary. Vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy, and an individual so appointed may subsequently be appointed for 2 full 3-year terms if the remainder of the unexpired term is less than 1 year.

(C) CHAIRPERSON- The Under Secretary shall designate a chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Committee. The designated Chairperson shall alternate between a member who is appointed as a representative and a member who is appointed as a Special Government Employee.

(D) SUBCOMMITTEES-

(i) ESTABLISHMENT- The Advisory Committee shall establish--

(I) a Subcommittee on Science and Technology to advise the Climate Service Program on needed research, technology development, and additional observations, and on any other scientific or technical issues as appropriate;

and

(II) a Subcommittee on Product Development and Delivery composed primarily of representatives of the community of potential users of the products developed and delivered by the Climate Service Program.

The Advisory Committee may establish such additional subcommittees of its members as may be necessary.

(ii) APPOINTMENT-

(I) FULL ADVISORY COMMITTEE- At least 50 percent of the members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed as Special Government Employees.

(II) SUBCOMMITTEES- At least 75 percent of the members of the Subcommittee on Science and Technology shall be appointed as Special Government Employees. Not more than 25 percent of the members of the Subcommittee on Product Development and Delivery shall be appointed as Special Government Employees.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS-

(A) REPORTING- The Advisory Committee shall report to the Under Secretary and the appropriate requesting party.

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT- The Under Secretary shall provide administrative support to the Advisory Committee.

(C) MEETINGS- The Advisory Committee shall meet at least twice each year and at other times at the call of the Under Secretary or the Chairperson.

(D) COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES- A member of the Advisory Committee shall not be compensated for service on the

Advisory Committee, but may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

(4) EXPIRATION- Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Climate Service Advisory Committee.

(g) Repeal- The National Climate Program Act (15 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.) is repealed.

(h) Establishment of Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Teams-

(1) IN GENERAL- In maintaining the network of Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Teams under subsection (e)(3)(C), the Under Secretary shall utilize a competitive, peer-reviewed selection process. Teams shall conduct applied regional climate research and projects to address the needs of local and regional decisionmakers for information and tools to develop adaptation and response plans to climate variability and change. The awards shall be administered through a cooperative agreement between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the RISA Team. Each award shall be for a period of 5 years.

(2) RISA TEAMS- Teams shall be composed of multi-institutional partnerships whose individual members may include--

(A) institutions of higher education, as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a));

(B) minority serving institutions, as defined in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965; and

(C) nongovernmental research organizations, Federal agencies, State and local agencies, tribal organizations, and for-profit entities.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS- In making awards under this subsection, the

Under Secretary shall consider--

(A) the overall geographic distribution of RISA Teams and existing gaps in applied research to support local and regional decisionmakers;

(B) the team's ability to contribute to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's efforts to deliver climate services in the region; and

(C) the team's proposal to integrate social and physical sciences research to address the effects of climate variability and change on the ecology, economy, infrastructure, and communities in the region.

(i) Survey of Need for Climate Services-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary shall provide a report to Congress within 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act that compiles information on the current climate products being delivered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its partner organizations to users and stakeholders and on the needs of users and stakeholders for new climate products and services.

(2) CONTENTS OF REPORT- The report shall identify--

(A) specific user groups and stakeholders that currently are served by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its partner organizations;

(B) the type of climate products and services currently delivered to specific user groups and stakeholders and the specific National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration office or partner organization that delivers these products and services;

(C) potential user groups and stakeholders that may be served by expanding climate products and services; and

(D) specific needs for new climate products and services identified by user groups and stakeholders.

(3) CONSULTATION- The Under Secretary shall consult with the Climate Service Advisory Committee in the preparation of this report.

(j) Implementation Plan-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary shall prepare a plan for creating a Climate Service Program in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and delivering climate products and services to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration users and stakeholders. The plan shall be submitted to the President and the Congress within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) DRAFT PLAN- Prior to the submission of the final plan, the Under Secretary shall publish a draft plan in the Federal Register with a public comment period of at least 30 days.

(3) CONTENTS- The plan shall--

(A) identify the current gaps in climate services and outline the process and resources the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will use to fill these gaps;

(B) describe the roles of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration line offices and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration partner organizations in the development and delivery of climate products and services;

(C) describe the development and implementation of quality assurance and control mechanisms for climate products and services delivered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its partner organizations;

(D) identify the mechanisms and opportunities for determining user needs and engaging in a two-way dialogue with users that will

inform climate product and service development and delivery of authoritative, timely, and useful information on climate variability and change and the effects on local, State, regional, national, and global scales;

(E) identify new responsibilities or tasks to be undertaken by existing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration line offices and partner organizations;

(F) identify new infrastructure, equipment, personnel, or other resources needed to implement the proposed plan; and

(G) include responses to the comments received during the public comment period.

(4) CONTINUITY OF SERVICE- During the development of the implementation plan, the public comment period, and final plan, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall continue to provide climate services to the user community.

(5) CONSULTATION- In developing the plan, the Under Secretary shall consult with user groups and stakeholders, State Climate Offices, Regional Climate Centers, other Federal agencies, the Climate Service Advisory Committee, and Congress.

(6) COORDINATION WITH INTERAGENCY DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICE- In preparing the plan required under this subsection, the Under Secretary shall consult with the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to ensure that the program developed by the Agency will serve the needs of a National Climate Service.

(k) Summer Institutes Program at the Regional Climate Centers-

(1) DEFINITIONS- In this subsection:

(A) SUMMER INSTITUTE- The term ‘summer institute’ means an

institute, operated during the summer, that--

- (i) is hosted by a Regional Climate Center or an eligible partner;
- (ii) is operated for a period of not less than 2 weeks; and
- (iii) provides direct interaction of middle school and high school teacher and undergraduate student participants with personnel of the Regional Climate Centers or eligible partners who have scientific expertise in weather and climate.

(B) ELIGIBLE PARTNER- The term 'eligible partner' means--

- (i) the science, engineering, or mathematics department at an institution of higher education; or
- (ii) a nonprofit entity with expertise in providing educational enrichment experiences for students.

(2) SUMMER INSTITUTES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Under Secretary shall establish a summer institutes program, to be conducted in cooperation with the Regional Climate Centers, which may include an eligible partner. The purpose of the program is to provide training and professional enrichment by providing opportunities for interaction between participants and climate scientists in a research and operational setting to--

- (i) enable middle school and high school teachers to integrate weather and climate sciences into their curricula; and
- (ii) encourage undergraduate students to pursue further study and careers in weather and climate sciences.

(B) REQUIRED ACTIVITIES- Funds authorized under this subsection shall be used for--

- (i) providing educational opportunities for middle school and high school teachers and undergraduate students not achievable inside the classroom;
- (ii) exposing such teachers and students to researchers, scientists, or engineers who can demonstrate their daily activities to the teachers and students;
- (iii) exposing teachers and students to scientific methods in a research discovery setting; and
- (iv) assisting teachers with curriculum development in the areas of weather and climate science.

(3) **PRIORITY-** The Under Secretary shall ensure that each summer institute program authorized under paragraph (2) includes students from groups underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teaching, including women and members of minority groups.

(4) **REPORT TO CONGRESS-** The Under Secretary shall submit to Congress a biennial report on the activities conducted under this subsection, including the number of participants and the new curricula developed in atmospheric and climate sciences.

(l) **Clearinghouse of Federal Climate Service Products and Links to Federal Agencies Providing Climate Services-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Under Secretary shall establish and maintain a clearinghouse to inform State, local, and tribal governments and the public about the information and services available to--

(A) assess the impacts of climate variability and change at different geographic scales;

(B) characterize and forecast climate variability and change for specific regions, resources, and economic sectors; and

(C) develop and implement adaptation strategies to reduce vulnerabilities to climate variability and change.

(2) OTHER RESOURCES- The clearinghouse shall include hyperlinks to Internet sites that describe the activities, information, and resources of--

(A) the Federal Government;

(B) State and local governments;

(C) the private sector;

(D) nongovernmental and nonprofit entities and organizations; and

(E) international organizations.

(m) Financial Burden- Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the National Climate Service or the Climate Service Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to require State, tribal, or local governments to develop adaptation or response plans or to take any other action in response to variations in climate that may result in an increased financial burden to such governments.

SEC. 453. STATE PROGRAMS TO BUILD RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS.

(a) Definitions- For purposes of this section:

(1) ALLOWANCE- The term ‘allowance’ means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 311 of this Act).

(2) INDIAN TRIBE- The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(3) **VINTAGE YEAR-** The term ‘vintage year’ has the meaning given that term under section 700 of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 312 of this Act).

(b) **Regulations; Coordination-** Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, or such Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, shall promulgate regulations to implement the requirements of this section. If the President designates more than 1 Federal agency to implement this section, the President shall require such agencies to establish a memorandum of understanding providing for coordination of rulemaking and other implementing activities, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(c) **Distribution of Allowances-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** Not later than September 30 of each of calendar years 2011 through 2049, the Administrator shall distribute, in accordance with this section, allowances allocated for the following vintage year pursuant to section 782(l) of the Clean Air Act (as added by section 321 of this Act). The Administrator shall reserve 1 percent of such allowances for distribution to Indian tribes in accordance with subsection (d). The remainder of such allowances shall be distributed ratably among the States based on the product of--

(A) each State’s population; and

(B) each State’s allocation factor as determined under paragraph (2).

(2) **STATE ALLOCATION FACTORS-**

(A) **IN GENERAL-** Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the allocation factor for a State shall be the quotient of--

(i) the per capita income of all individuals in the United States, divided by

(ii) the per capita income of all individuals in such State.

(B) LIMITATION- If the allocation factor for a State as calculated under subparagraph (A) would exceed 1.2, then the allocation factor for such State shall be 1.2. If the allocation factor for a State as calculated under subparagraph (A) would be less than 0.8, then the allocation factor for such State shall be 0.8.

(C) PER CAPITA INCOME- For purposes of this paragraph, per capita income shall be--

(i) determined at 2-year intervals; and

(ii) subject to subparagraph (D), equal to the average of the annual per capita incomes for the most recent period of 3 consecutive years for which satisfactory data are available from the Department of Commerce at the time such determination is made.

(D) REVENUE DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM A PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED MAJOR DISASTER- For purposes of this paragraph, per capita income from one or more of the following sources shall be reduced or excluded if the Secretary of Commerce (in consultation with the Administrator and the secretaries or administrators of the departments or agencies involved) determines that the income accrues to persons as the result of a Major Disaster (as declared by the President of the United States) and if the Secretary finds that the inclusion of one or more of these income sources, in whole or in part, results in a transitory, rather than a sustainable, increase in a State's per capita income level relative to the national average:

(i) Property and casualty insurance (including homeowners and renters insurance).

(ii) The National Flood Insurance Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

- (iii) The Individual and Family Grants Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- (iv) The Disaster Housing Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- (v) The Community Development Block Grant Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (vi) The Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program of the Department of Labor.
- (vii) Any other source determined appropriate by the Administrator.

(d) Distribution to Indian Tribes- The Administrator, or such Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, shall promulgate regulations establishing a program to distribute allowances on a competitive basis to Indian tribes, in accordance with the requirements of this section. Such allowances shall be used exclusively in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e). Beginning with vintage year 2015, Indian tribes with a tribal adaptation plan approved pursuant to subsection (f) shall be given priority in selection of programs or projects for receipt of emission allowances under this subsection.

(e) Use of Allowances-

(1) IN GENERAL- States and Indian tribes shall use allowances distributed under this section exclusively for the implementation of projects, programs, or measures to build resilience to the impacts of climate change, including--

- (A) extreme weather events such as flooding and tropical cyclones;
- (B) more frequent heavy precipitation events;
- (C) water scarcity and adverse impacts on water quality;

- (D) stronger and longer heat waves;
- (E) more frequent and severe droughts;
- (F) rises in sea level;
- (G) ecosystem disruption;
- (H) increased air pollution; and
- (I) effects on public health.

(2) **PRIORITY IN PROJECTS TO REDUCE FLOOD EVENTS-** When implementing any project, program, or measure supported under this section and designed to reduce flood events, a State or Indian tribe should consider prioritizing projects that seek to--

- (A) mitigate the destructive impacts of climate-related increases in the duration, frequency, or magnitude of rainfall or runoff, including snowmelt runoff, as well as hurricanes;
- (B) improve flood protection for densely populated urban areas; and
- (C) mitigate the destructive impact of ocean-related climate change effects, including effects on bays, estuaries, populated barrier islands and other ocean-related features, through a variety of means and measures, including the construction of jetties, levies, and other coastal structures in densely populated coastal areas impacted by climate change.

(3) **STATE AND TRIBAL ADAPTATION PLANS-** Upon approval of a State or tribal climate adaptation plan under subsection (f), allowances received by a State under this section shall be used in accordance with such plan.

(4) **SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT-** It is the intent of the Congress that allowances distributed to carry out this section should be used to supplement, and not replace, existing sources of funding used to build

resilience to the impacts of climate change identified in paragraph (1).

(5) RESEARCH ON HURRICANES- The authorized uses of allowances under this section shall include establishment of projects or programs to conduct research and monitoring on the effect of ongoing climate change on the frequency and intensity of hurricanes.

(f) State and Tribal Climate Adaptation Plans-

(1) IN GENERAL- The regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (b) shall include requirements for submission and approval of State or tribal climate adaptation plans under this section. Beginning with vintage year 2015, distribution of allowances to a State pursuant to this section shall be contingent on approval of a State climate adaptation plan for such State that meets the requirements of such regulations.

Requirements for tribal climate adaptation plans may vary from those of State adaptation plans to the extent necessary to account for the special circumstances of Indian tribes.

(2) REQUIREMENTS- Regulations promulgated under this section shall require, at minimum, that State and tribal climate adaptation plans--

(A) assess and prioritize the State's or Indian tribe's vulnerability to a broad range of impacts of climate change, based on the best available science;

(B) include an assessment of potential for carbon reduction through changes to land management policies (including enhancement or protection of forest carbon sinks);

(C) identify and prioritize specific cost-effective projects, programs, and measures to build resilience to current and predicted impacts of climate change;

(D) ensure that the State or Indian tribe fully considers and undertakes, to the maximum extent practicable, initiatives that--

(i) protect or enhance natural ecosystem functions, including protection, maintenance, or restoration of natural infrastructure such as wetlands, reefs, and barrier islands to buffer communities from floodwaters or storms, watershed protection to maintain water quality and groundwater recharge, or floodplain restoration to improve natural flood control capacity; or

(ii) use non-structural approaches including practices that utilize, enhance, or mimic the natural hydrologic cycle processes of infiltration, evapotranspiration, and reuse;

(E) be revised and resubmitted for approval not less frequently than every 5 years; and

(F) be consistent with Federal conservation and environmental laws and, to the maximum extent practicable, avoid environmental degradation.

(3) COORDINATION WITH PRIOR PLANNING EFFORTS- In implementing this subsection, the Administrator, or such Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, shall--

(A) draw upon lessons learned and best practices from preexisting State and tribal climate adaptation planning efforts;

(B) seek to avoid duplication of such efforts; and

(C) ensure that the plans developed under this section reflect and are fully consistent with State natural resources adaptation plans developed under section 479 of this Act.

(g) Reporting- Each State or Indian tribe receiving allowances under this section shall submit to the Administrator, or such Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, within 12 months after each receipt of such allowances and once every 2 years thereafter until the value of any allowances received under this section has been fully expended, a report

that--

(1) provides a full accounting for the State's or Indian tribe's use of allowances distributed under this section, including a description of the projects, programs, or measures supported using such allowances;

(2) includes a report prepared by an independent third party, in accordance with such regulations as are promulgated by the Administrator or such other Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, evaluating the performance of the projects, programs, or measures supported under this section; and

(3) identifies any use by the State or Indian tribe of allowances distributed under this section for the reduction of flood and storm damage and the effects of climate change on water and flood protection infrastructure.

(h) Enforcement- If the Administrator, or such Federal agency head or heads as the President may designate, determines that a State or Indian tribe is not in compliance with this section, the Administrator or such other agency head may withhold a quantity of the allowances equal to up to twice the quantity of allowances that the State or Indian tribe failed to use in accordance with the requirements of this section, that such State or Indian tribe would otherwise be eligible to receive under this section in 1 or more later years. Allowances withheld pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed among the remaining States or Indian tribes ratably in accordance with the formula in subsection (c) in the case of allowances withheld from a State, or in accordance with subsection (d) in the case of allowances withheld from an Indian tribe.

Subpart B--Public Health and Climate Change

SEC. 461. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Federal Government, in cooperation

with international, State, tribal, and local governments, concerned public and private organizations, and citizens, should use all practicable means and measures--

(1) to assist the efforts of public health and health care professionals, first responders, States, tribes, municipalities, and local communities to incorporate measures to prepare health systems to respond to the impacts of climate change;

(2) to ensure--

(A) that the Nation's health professionals have sufficient information to prepare for and respond to the adverse health impacts of climate change;

(B) the utility and value of scientific research in advancing understanding of--

(i) the health impacts of climate change; and

(ii) strategies to prepare for and respond to the health impacts of climate change;

(C) the identification of communities vulnerable to the health effects of climate change and the development of strategic response plans to be carried out by health professionals for those communities;

(D) the improvement of health status and health equity through efforts to prepare for and respond to climate change; and

(E) the inclusion of health policy in the development of climate change responses;

(3) to encourage further research, interdisciplinary partnership, and collaboration among stakeholders in order to--

(A) understand and monitor the health impacts of climate change; and

(B) improve public health knowledge and response strategies to climate change;

(4) to enhance preparedness activities, and public health infrastructure, relating to climate change and health;

(5) to encourage each and every American to learn about the impacts of climate change on health; and

(6) to assist the efforts of developing nations to incorporate measures to prepare health systems to respond to the impacts of climate change.

SEC. 462. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.

Nothing in this subpart in any manner limits the authority provided to or responsibility conferred on any Federal department or agency by any provision of any law (including regulations) or authorizes any violation of any provision of any law (including regulations), including any health, energy, environmental, transportation, or any other law or regulation.

SEC. 463. NATIONAL STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN.

(a) Requirement-

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary of Health and Human Services, within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the basis of the best available science, and in consultation pursuant to paragraph (2), shall publish a strategic action plan to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change on public health in the United States and other nations, particularly developing nations.

(2) **CONSULTATION-** In developing or making any revision to the national strategic action plan, the Secretary shall--

(A) consult with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection

Agency, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Secretary of Energy, other appropriate Federal agencies, Indian tribes, State and local governments, public health organizations, scientists, and other interested stakeholders; and

(B) provide opportunity for public input.

(b) Contents-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall assist health professionals in preparing for and responding effectively and efficiently to the health effects of climate change through measures including--

(A) developing, improving, integrating, and maintaining domestic and international disease surveillance systems and monitoring capacity to respond to health-related effects of climate change, including on topics addressing--

- (i) water, food, and vector borne infectious diseases and climate change;
- (ii) pulmonary effects, including responses to aeroallergens;
- (iii) cardiovascular effects, including impacts of temperature extremes;
- (iv) air pollution health effects, including heightened sensitivity to air pollution;
- (v) hazardous algal blooms;
- (vi) mental and behavioral health impacts of climate change;
- (vii) the health of refugees, displaced persons, and vulnerable communities;

(viii) the implications for communities vulnerable to health effects of climate change, as well as strategies for responding to climate change within these communities; and

(ix) local and community-based health interventions for climate-related health impacts;

(B) creating tools for predicting and monitoring the public health effects of climate change on the international, national, regional, State, and local levels, and providing technical support to assist in their implementation;

(C) developing public health communications strategies and interventions for extreme weather events and disaster response situations;

(D) identifying and prioritizing communities and populations vulnerable to the health effects of climate change, and determining actions and communication strategies that should be taken to inform and protect these communities and populations from the health effects of climate change;

(E) developing health communication, public education, and outreach programs aimed at public health and health care professionals, as well as the general public, to promote preparedness and response strategies relating to climate change and public health, including the identification of greenhouse gas reduction behaviors that are health-promoting; and

(F) developing academic and regional centers of excellence devoted to--

(i) researching relationships between climate change and health;

(ii) expanding and training the public health workforce to strengthen the capacity of such workforce to respond to and prepare for the health effects of climate change;

(iii) creating and supporting academic fellowships focusing on the health effects of climate change; and

(iv) training senior health ministry officials from developing nations to strengthen the capacity of such nations to--

(I) prepare for and respond to the health effects of climate change; and

(II) build an international network of public health professionals with the necessary climate change knowledge base;

(G) using techniques, including health impact assessments, to assess various climate change public health preparedness and response strategies on international, national, State, regional, tribal, and local levels, and make recommendations as to those strategies that best protect the public health;

(H)(i) assisting in the development, implementation, and support of State, regional, tribal, and local preparedness, communication, and response plans (including with respect to the health departments of such entities) to anticipate and reduce the health threats of climate change; and

(ii) pursuing collaborative efforts to develop, integrate, and implement such plans;

(I) creating a program to advance research as it relates to the effects of climate change on public health across Federal agencies, including research to--

(i) identify and assess climate change health effects preparedness and response strategies;

(ii) prioritize critical public health infrastructure projects related to potential climate change impacts that affect public health;

and

(iii) coordinate preparedness for climate change health impacts, including the development of modeling and forecasting tools;

(J) providing technical assistance for the development, implementation, and support of preparedness and response plans to anticipate and reduce the health threats of climate change in developing nations; and

(K) carrying out other activities determined appropriate by the Secretary to plan for and respond to the impacts of climate change on public health.

(c) Revision- The Secretary shall revise the national strategic action plan not later than July 1, 2014, and every 4 years thereafter, to reflect new information collected pursuant to implementation of the national strategic action plan and otherwise, including information on--

(1) the status of critical environmental health parameters and related human health impacts;

(2) the impacts of climate change on public health; and

(3) advances in the development of strategies for preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change on public health.

(d) Implementation-

(1) IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH HHS- The Secretary shall exercise the Secretary's authority under this subpart and other provisions of Federal law to achieve the goals and measures of the national strategic action plan.

(2) OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES- The Secretary and Federal officials of other relevant Federal agencies shall administer public health programs and initiatives authorized by

provisions of law other than this subpart, subject to the requirements of such statutes, in a manner designed to achieve the goals of the national strategic action plan.

(3) CDC- In furtherance of the national strategic action plan, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the head of any other appropriate Federal agency, shall--

(A) conduct scientific research to assist health professionals in preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change on public health; and

(B) provide funding for--

(i) research on the health effects of climate change; and

(ii) preparedness planning on the international, national, State, tribal, regional, and local levels to respond to or reduce the burden of health effects of climate change; and

(C) carry out other activities determined appropriate by the Director or the head of such agency to prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change on public health.

SEC. 464. ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) Establishment- The Secretary shall establish a permanent science advisory board comprised of not less than 10 and not more than 20 members.

(b) Appointment of Members- The Secretary shall appoint the members of the science advisory board from among individuals--

(1) who have expertise in public health and human services, climate change, and other relevant disciplines; and

(2) at least 1/2 of whom are recommended by the President of the National Academy of Sciences.

(c) Functions- The science advisory board shall--

(1) provide scientific and technical advice and recommendations to the Secretary on the domestic and international impacts of climate change on public health, populations and regions particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and strategies and mechanisms to prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change on public health; and

(2) advise the Secretary regarding the best science available for purposes of issuing the national strategic action plan.

SEC. 465. REPORTS.

(a) Needs Assessment-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall seek to enter into, by not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, an agreement with the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine to complete a report that--

(A) assesses the needs for health professionals to prepare for and respond to climate change impacts on public health; and

(B) recommends programs to meet those needs.

(2) SUBMISSION- The agreement under paragraph (1) shall require the completed report to be submitted to the Congress and the Secretary and made publicly available not later than 1 year after the date of the agreement.

(b) Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Reports-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary, in consultation with the advisory board established under section 464, shall ensure the issuance of reports

to aid health professionals in preparing for and responding to the adverse health effects of climate change that--

(A) review scientific developments on health impacts of climate change; and

(B) recommend changes to the national strategic action plan.

(2) SUBMISSION- The Secretary shall submit the reports required by paragraph (1) to the Congress and make such reports publicly available not later than July 1, 2013, and every 4 years thereafter.

SEC. 466. DEFINITIONS.

In this subpart:

(1) HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT- The term ‘health impact assessment’ means a combination of procedures, methods, and tools by which a policy, program, or project may be judged as to its potential effects on the health of a population, and the distribution of those effects within the population.

(2) NATIONAL STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN- The term ‘national strategic action plan’ means the plan issued and revised under section 463.

(3) SECRETARY- Unless otherwise specified, the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

SEC. 467. CLIMATE CHANGE HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION FUND.

(a) Establishment of Fund- Subject to subtitle F of title IV, there is hereby established in the Treasury a separate account that shall be known as the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Fund.

(b) Availability of Amounts- Subject to subtitle F of title IV, all amounts

deposited into the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Fund shall be available to the Secretary to carry out this subpart subject to further appropriation.

(c) Distribution of Funds by HHS- In carrying out this subpart, the Secretary may make funds deposited in the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Fund available to--

- (1) other departments, agencies, and offices of the Federal Government;
- (2) foreign, State, tribal, and local governments; and
- (3) such other entities as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(d) Supplement, Not Replace- It is the intent of Congress that funds made available to carry out this subpart should be used to supplement, and not replace, existing sources of funding for public health.

Subpart C--Natural Resource Adaptation

SEC. 471. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this subpart are to--

- (1) establish an integrated Federal program to protect, restore, and conserve the Nation's natural resources in response to the threats of climate change and ocean acidification; and
- (2) provide financial support and incentives for programs, strategies, and activities that protect, restore, and conserve the Nation's natural resources in response to the threats of climate change and ocean acidification.

SEC. 472. NATURAL RESOURCES CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION POLICY.

It is the policy of the Federal Government, in cooperation with State and local governments, Indian tribes, and other interested stakeholders to use all practicable means and measures to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.

SEC. 473. DEFINITIONS.

In this subpart:

(1) **COASTAL STATE**- The term ‘coastal State’ has the meaning given the term in section 304 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1453).

(2) **CORRIDORS**- The term ‘corridors’ means areas that provide connectivity, over different time scales (including seasonal or longer), of habitat or potential habitat and that facilitate the ability of terrestrial, marine, estuarine, and freshwater fish, wildlife, or plants to move within a landscape as needed for migration, gene flow, or dispersal, or in response to the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification or other impacts.

(3) **ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES**- The term ‘ecological processes’ means biological, chemical, or physical interaction between the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem and includes--

- (A) nutrient cycling;
- (B) pollination;
- (C) predator-prey relationships;
- (D) soil formation;
- (E) gene flow;
- (F) disease epizootiology;

(G) larval dispersal and settlement;

(H) hydrological cycling;

(I) decomposition; and

(J) disturbance regimes such as fire and flooding.

(4) **HABITAT**- The term ‘habitat’ means the physical, chemical, and biological properties that are used by fish, wildlife, or plants for growth, reproduction, survival, food, water, and cover, on a tract of land, in a body of water, or in an area or region.

(5) **INDIAN TRIBE**- The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(6) **NATURAL RESOURCES**- The term ‘natural resources’ means the terrestrial, freshwater, estuarine, and marine fish, wildlife, plants, land, water, habitats, and ecosystems of the United States.

(7) **NATURAL RESOURCES ADAPTATION**- The term ‘natural resources adaptation’ means the protection, restoration, and conservation of natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.

(8) **RESILIENCE**- Each of the terms ‘resilience’ and ‘resilient’ means the ability to resist or recover from disturbance and preserve diversity, productivity, and sustainability.

(9) **STATE**- The term ‘State’ means--

(A) a State of the United States;

(B) the District of Columbia; and

(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States

Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

SEC. 474. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality shall--

(1) advise the President on implementation and development of--

(A) a Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy required under section 476; and

(B) Federal natural resource agency adaptation plans required under section 478;

(2) serve as the Chair of the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel established under section 475; and

(3) coordinate Federal agency strategies, plans, programs, and activities related to protecting, restoring, and maintaining natural resources to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.

SEC. 475. NATURAL RESOURCES CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PANEL.

(a) Establishment- Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subpart, the President shall establish a Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel, consisting of--

(1) the head, or their designee, of each of--

(A) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(B) the Forest Service;

(C) the National Park Service;

(D) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(E) the Bureau of Land Management;

(F) the United States Geological Survey;

(G) the Bureau of Reclamation;

(H) the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

(I) the Environmental Protection Agency; and

(J) the Army Corps of Engineers;

(2) the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality; and

(3) the heads of such other Federal agencies or departments with jurisdiction over natural resources of the United States, as determined by the President.

(b) Functions- The Panel shall serve as a forum for interagency consultation on and the coordination of the development and implementation of a national Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy required under section 476.

(c) Chair- The Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality shall serve as the Chair of the Panel.

SEC. 476. NATURAL RESOURCES CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION STRATEGY.

(a) In General- Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this subpart, the President, through the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel established under section 475, shall develop a Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification and

to identify opportunities to mitigate those impacts.

(b) Development and Revision- In developing and revising the Strategy, the Panel shall--

- (1) base the strategy on the best available science;
- (2) develop the strategy in close cooperation with States and Indian tribes;
- (3) coordinate with other Federal agencies as appropriate;
- (4) consult with local governments, conservation organizations, scientists, and other interested stakeholders;
- (5) provide public notice and opportunity for comment; and
- (6) review and revise the Strategy every 5 years to incorporate new information regarding the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources and advances in the development of strategies for becoming more resilient and adapting to those impacts.

(c) Contents- The National Resources Adaptation Strategy shall include--

- (1) an assessment of the vulnerability of natural resources to climate change and ocean acidification, including the short-term, medium-term, long-term, cumulative, and synergistic impacts;
- (2) a description of current research, observation, and monitoring activities at the Federal, State, tribal, and local level related to the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources, as well as identification of research and data needs and priorities;
- (3) identification of natural resources that are likely to have the greatest need for protection, restoration, and conservation because of the adverse effects of climate change and ocean acidification;
- (4) specific protocols for integrating climate change and ocean

acidification adaptation strategies and activities into the conservation and management of natural resources by Federal departments and agencies to ensure consistency across agency jurisdictions and resources;

(5) specific actions that Federal departments and agencies shall take to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification, including a timeline to implement those actions;

(6) specific mechanisms for ensuring communication and coordination among Federal departments and agencies, and between Federal departments and agencies and State natural resource agencies, United States territories, Indian tribes, private landowners, conservation organizations, and other nations that share jurisdiction over natural resources with the United States;

(7) specific actions to develop and implement consistent natural resources inventory and monitoring protocols through interagency coordination and collaboration; and

(8) a process for guiding the development of detailed agency- and department-specific adaptation plans required under section 478 to address the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the natural resources in the jurisdiction of each agency.

(d) Implementation- Consistent with its authorities under other laws and with Federal trust responsibilities with respect to Indian lands, each Federal department or agency with representation on the National Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel shall consider the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification and integrate the elements of the strategy into agency plans, environmental reviews, programs, and activities related to the conservation, restoration, and management of natural resources.

SEC. 477. NATURAL RESOURCES ADAPTATION SCIENCE AND INFORMATION.

(a) Coordination- Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subpart, the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey, shall establish a coordinated process for developing and providing science and information needed to assess and address the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources. The process shall be led by the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center established within the United States Geological Survey under subsection (d) and the National Climate Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(b) Functions- The Secretaries shall ensure that such process avoids duplication and that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the United States Geological Survey shall--

- (1) provide technical assistance to Federal departments and agencies, State and local governments, Indian tribes, and interested private landowners in their efforts to assess and address the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources;

- (2) conduct and sponsor research and provide Federal departments and agencies, State and local governments, Indian tribes, and interested private landowners with research products, decision and monitoring tools and information, to develop strategies for assisting natural resources to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification; and

- (3) assist Federal departments and agencies in the development of the adaptation plans required under section 478.

(c) Survey- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subpart and every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a climate change and ocean acidification impact survey that--

- (1) identifies natural resources considered likely to be adversely affected

by climate change and ocean acidification;

(2) includes baseline monitoring and ongoing trend analysis;

(3) uses a stakeholder process to identify and prioritize needed monitoring and research that is of greatest relevance to the ongoing needs of natural resource managers to address the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification; and

(4) identifies decision tools necessary to develop strategies for assisting natural resources to become more resilient and adapt to and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification.

(d) National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT- The Secretary of the Interior shall establish the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center within the United States Geological Survey.

(2) FUNCTIONS- The Center shall, in collaboration with Federal and State natural resources agencies and departments, Indian tribes, universities, and other partner organizations--

(A) assess and synthesize current physical and biological knowledge and prioritize scientific gaps in such knowledge in order to forecast the ecological impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife at the ecosystem, habitat, community, population, and species levels;

(B) develop and improve tools to identify, evaluate, and, where appropriate, link scientific approaches and models for forecasting the impacts of climate change and adaptation on fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats, including monitoring, predictive models, vulnerability analyses, risk assessments, and decision support systems to help managers make informed decisions;

(C) develop and evaluate tools to adaptively manage and monitor the effects of climate change on fish and wildlife at national,

regional, and local scales; and

(D) develop capacities for sharing standardized data and the synthesis of such data.

(e) Science Advisory Board-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT- Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subpart, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior shall establish and appoint the members of a Science Advisory Board, to be comprised of not fewer than 10 and not more than 20 members--

(A) who have expertise in fish, wildlife, plant, aquatic, and coastal and marine biology, ecology, climate change, ocean acidification, and other relevant scientific disciplines;

(B) who represent a balanced membership among Federal, State, Indian tribes, and local representatives, universities, and conservation organizations; and

(C) at least 1/2 of whom are recommended by the President of the National Academy of Sciences.

(2) DUTIES- The Science Advisory Board shall--

(A) advise the Secretaries on the state-of-the-science regarding the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources and scientific strategies and mechanisms for protecting, restoring, and conserving natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification; and

(B) identify and recommend priorities for ongoing research needs on such issues.

(3) COLLABORATION- The Science Advisory Board shall collaborate

with other climate change and ecosystem research entities in other Federal agencies and departments.

(4) AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC- The advice and recommendations of the Science Advisory Board shall be made available to the public.

SEC. 478. FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY ADAPTATION PLANS.

(a) Development- Not later than 1 year after the date of the development of a Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy under section 476, each department or agency that has a representative on the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel established under section 475 shall--

(1) complete an adaptation plan for that department or agency, respectively, implementing the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy under section 476 and consistent with the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Policy under section 472, detailing the department's or agency's current and projected efforts to address the potential impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources within the department's or agency's jurisdiction and necessary additional actions, including a timeline for implementation of those actions;

(2) provide opportunities for review and comment on that adaptation plan by the public, including in the case of a plan by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, review by Indian tribes; and

(3) submit such plan to the President for approval.

(b) Review by President and Submission to Congress-

(1) REVIEW BY PRESIDENT- The President shall--

(A) approve an adaptation plan submitted under subsection (a)(3) if

the plan meets the requirements of subsection (c) and is consistent with the strategy developed under section 476;

(B) decide whether to approve the plan within 60 days after submission; and

(C) if the President disapproves a plan, direct the department or agency to submit a revised plan to the President under subsection (a)(3) within 60 days after such disapproval.

(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS- Not later than 30 days after the date of approval of such adaptation plan by the President, the department or agency shall submit the approved plan to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate with principal jurisdiction over the department or agency.

(c) Requirements- Each adaptation plan shall--

(1) establish programs for assessing the current and future impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources within the department's or agency's, respectively, jurisdiction, including cumulative and synergistic effects, and for identifying and monitoring those natural resources that are likely to be adversely affected and that have need for conservation;

(2) identify and prioritize the department's or agency's strategies and specific conservation actions to address the current and future impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources within the scope of the department's or agency's jurisdiction and to develop and implement strategies to protect, restore, and conserve such resources to become more resilient, adapt to, and better withstand those impacts, including--

(A) the protection, restoration, and conservation of terrestrial, marine, estuarine, and freshwater habitats and ecosystems;

(B) the establishment of terrestrial, marine, estuarine, and freshwater habitat linkages and corridors;

(C) the restoration and conservation of ecological processes;

(D) the protection of a broad diversity of native species of fish, wildlife, and plant populations across their range; and

(E) the protection of fish, wildlife, and plant health, recognizing that climate can alter the distribution and ecology of parasites, pathogens, and vectors;

(3) describe how the department or agency will integrate such strategies and conservation activities into plans, programs, activities, and actions of the department or agency, related to the conservation and management of natural resources and establish new plans, programs, activities, and actions as necessary;

(4) establish methods for assessing the effectiveness of strategies and conservation actions taken to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification, and for updating those strategies and actions to respond to new information and changing conditions;

(5) include a description of current and proposed mechanisms to enhance cooperation and coordination of natural resources adaptation efforts with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, Indian tribes, and nongovernmental stakeholders;

(6) include specific written guidance to resource managers to--

(A) explain how managers are expected to address the effects of climate change and ocean acidification;

(B) identify how managers are to obtain any site-specific information that may be necessary; and

(C) reflect best practices shared among relevant agencies, while also recognizing the unique missions, objectives, and responsibilities of each agency; and

(7) identify and assess data and information gaps necessary to develop natural resources adaptation plans and strategies.

(d) Implementation-

(1) IN GENERAL- Upon approval by the President, each department or agency that serves on the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Panel shall implement its adaptation plan through existing and new plans, policies, programs, activities, and actions to the extent not inconsistent with existing authority.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF IMPACTS-

(A) IN GENERAL- To the maximum extent practicable and consistent with applicable law, every natural resource management decision made by the department or agency shall consider the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on those natural resources.

(B) GUIDANCE- The Council on Environmental Quality shall issue guidance for Federal departments and agencies for considering those impacts.

(e) Revision and Review- Not less than every 5 years, each adaptation plan under this section shall be reviewed and revised to incorporate the best available science and other information regarding the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources.

SEC. 479. STATE NATURAL RESOURCES ADAPTATION PLANS.

(a) Requirement- In order to be eligible for funds under section 480, not later than 1 year after the development of a Natural Resources Climate Change

Adaptation Strategy required under section 476 each State shall prepare a State natural resources adaptation plan detailing the State's current and projected efforts to address the potential impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on natural resources and coastal areas within the State's jurisdiction.

(b) Review or Approval-

(1) IN GENERAL- Each State adaptation plan shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Secretary of the Interior and, as applicable, the Secretary of Commerce. Such approval shall be granted if the plan meets the requirements of subsection (c) and is consistent with the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Strategy required under section 476.

(2) APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL- Within 180 days after transmittal of such a plan, or a revision to such a plan, the Secretary of the Interior and, as applicable, the Secretary of Commerce shall approve or disapprove the plan by written notice.

(3) RESUBMITTAL- Within 90 days after transmittal of a resubmitted adaptation plan as a result of disapproval under paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior and, as applicable, the Secretary of Commerce, shall approve or disapprove the plan by written notice.

(c) Contents- A State natural resources adaptation plan shall--

(1) include a strategy for addressing the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on terrestrial, marine, estuarine, and freshwater fish, wildlife, plants, habitats, ecosystems, wildlife health, and ecological processes, that--

(A) describes the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the diversity and health of the fish, wildlife and plant populations, habitats, ecosystems, and associated ecological processes;

(B) establishes programs for monitoring the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on fish, wildlife, and plant populations, habitats, ecosystems, and associated ecological processes;

(C) describes and prioritizes proposed conservation actions to assist fish, wildlife, plant populations, habitats, ecosystems, and associated ecological processes in becoming more resilient, adapting to, and better withstanding those impacts;

(D) includes strategies, specific conservation actions, and a time frame for implementing conservation actions for fish, wildlife, and plant populations, habitats, ecosystems, and associated ecological processes;

(E) establishes methods for assessing the effectiveness of strategies and conservation actions taken to assist fish, wildlife, and plant populations, habitats, ecosystems, and associated ecological processes in becoming more resilient, adapt to, and better withstand the impacts of climate changes and ocean acidification and for updating those strategies and actions to respond appropriately to new information or changing conditions;

(F) is incorporated into a revision of the State wildlife action plan (also known as the State comprehensive wildlife strategy)--

(i) that has been submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(ii) that has been approved by the Service or on which a decision on approval is pending; and

(G) is developed--

(i) with the participation of the State fish and wildlife agency, the State coastal agency, the State agency responsible for administration of Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, the

State Forest Legacy program coordinator, and other State agencies considered appropriate by the Governor of such State; and

(ii) in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, and where applicable, the Secretary of Commerce and other States that share jurisdiction over natural resources with the State; and

(2) include, in the case of a coastal State, a strategy for addressing the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the coastal zone that--

(A) identifies natural resources that are likely to be impacted by climate change and ocean acidification and describes those impacts;

(B) identifies and prioritizes continuing research and data collection needed to address those impacts including--

(i) acquisition of high resolution coastal elevation and nearshore bathymetry data;

(ii) historic shoreline position maps, erosion rates, and inventories of shoreline features and structures;

(iii) measures and models of relative rates of sea level rise or lake level changes, including effects on flooding, storm surge, inundation, and coastal geological processes;

(iv) habitat loss, including projected losses of coastal wetlands and potentials for inland migration of natural shoreline habitats;

(v) ocean and coastal species and ecosystem migrations, and changes in species population dynamics;

(vi) changes in storm frequency, intensity, or rainfall patterns;

(vii) saltwater intrusion into coastal rivers and aquifers;

- (viii) changes in chemical or physical characteristics of marine and estuarine systems;

- (ix) increased harmful algal blooms; and

- (x) spread of invasive species;

(C) identifies and prioritizes adaptation strategies to protect, restore, and conserve natural resources to enable them to become more resilient, adapt to, and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification, including--

- (i) protection, maintenance, and restoration of ecologically important coastal lands, coastal and ocean ecosystems, and species biodiversity and the establishment of habitat buffer zones, migration corridors, and climate refugia; and

- (ii) improved planning, siting policies, and hazard mitigation strategies;

(D) establishes programs for the long-term monitoring of the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on the ocean and coastal zone and to assess and adjust, when necessary, such adaptive management strategies;

(E) establishes performance measures for assessing the effectiveness of adaptation strategies intended to improve resilience and the ability of natural resources in the coastal zone to adapt to and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification and of adaptation strategies intended to minimize those impacts on the coastal zone and to update those strategies to respond to new information or changing conditions; and

(F) is developed with the participation of the State coastal agency and other appropriate State agencies and in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce and other appropriate Federal agencies.

(d) Public Input- States shall provide for solicitation and consideration of public and independent scientific input in the development of their plans.

(e) Coordination With Other Plans- The State plan shall take into consideration research and information contained in, and coordinate with and integrate the goals and measures identified in, as appropriate, other natural resources conservation strategies, including--

(1) the national fish habitat action plan;

(2) plans under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.);

(3) the Federal, State, and local partnership known as ‘Partners in Flight’;

(4) federally approved coastal zone management plans under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.);

(5) federally approved regional fishery management plants and habitat conservation activities under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.);

(6) the national coral reef action plan;

(7) recovery plans for threatened species and endangered species under section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(f));

(8) habitat conservation plans under section 10 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 1539);

(9) other Federal, State, and tribal plans for imperiled species;

(10) State or tribal hazard mitigation plans;

(11) State or tribal water management plans; and

(12) other State-based strategies that comprehensively implement adaptation activities to remediate the effects of climate change and ocean acidification on terrestrial, marine, and freshwater fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources.

(f) Updating- Each State plan shall be updated not less than every 5 years.

(g) Funding-

(1) IN GENERAL- Funds allocated to States under section 480 shall be used only for activities that are consistent with a State natural resources adaptation plan that has been approved by the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce.

(2) FUNDING PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF A STATE PLAN- Until the earlier of the date that is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this subpart or the date on which a State receives approval for the State strategy, a State shall be eligible to receive funding under section 480 for adaptation activities that are--

(A) consistent with the comprehensive wildlife strategy of the State and, where appropriate, other natural resources conservation strategies; and

(B) in accordance with a workplan developed in coordination with--

(i) the Secretary of the Interior; and

(ii) the Secretary of Commerce, for any coastal State subject to the condition that coordination with the Secretary of Commerce shall be required only for those portions of the strategy relating to activities affecting the coastal zone.

(3) PENDING APPROVAL- During the period for which approval by the applicable Secretary of a State plan is pending, the State may continue receiving funds under section 480 pursuant to the workplan described in paragraph (2)(B).

SEC. 480. NATURAL RESOURCES CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FUND.

(a) Allocations to States- 100 percent of the emission allowances made available for each year to carry out this subpart shall be provided to States to carry out natural resources adaptation activities in accordance with State natural resources adaptation plans approved under section 479. Specifically--

(1) 84.4 percent shall be available to State wildlife agencies in accordance with the apportionment formula established under the second subsection (c) of section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c), as added by section 902(e) of H.R. 5548 as introduced in the 106th Congress and enacted into law by section 1(a)(2) of Public Law 106-553 (114 Stat. 2762A-119); and

(2) 15.6 percent shall be available to State coastal agencies pursuant to the formula established by the Secretary of Commerce under section 306(c) of the Coastal Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455(c)).

(b) Establishment of Fund-

(1) ESTABLISHMENT- Subject to subtitle F of title IV, there is hereby established in the Treasury a separate account that shall be known as the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Fund.

(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS- Subject to subtitle F of title IV, there are authorized to be appropriated for subsection (c) such sums as are deposited in the Natural Resources Climate Change Fund, and the amounts appropriated for subsection (c) shall be no less than the total estimated annual deposits in the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Fund.

(c) Allocations to Federal Agencies-

(1) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR- Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year to carry out this subpart--

(A) 27.6 percent shall be allocated to the Secretary of the Interior for use in funding--

(i) natural resources adaptation activities carried out--

(I) under endangered species, migratory species, and other fish and wildlife programs administered by the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management;

(II) on wildlife refuges, National Park Service land, and other public land under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or the National Park Service; or

(III) within Federal water managed by the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service; and

(ii) for the implementation of the National Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Corridors Identification Program pursuant to section 481;

(B) 8.1 percent shall be allocated to the Secretary of the Interior for natural resources adaptation activities carried out under cooperative grant programs, including--

(i) the cooperative endangered species conservation fund authorized under section 6 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1535);

(ii) programs under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401 et seq.);

(iii) the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund established by section 478(a) of the Neotropical Migratory Bird

Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6108(a));

(iv) the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(v) the National Fish Habitat Action Plan;

(vi) the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program;

(vii) the Landowner Incentive Program;

(viii) the Wildlife Without Borders Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(ix) the Migratory Species Program and Park Flight Migratory Bird Program of the National Park Service; and

(C) 4.9 percent shall be allocated to the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to Indian tribes to carry out natural resources adaptation activities through the Tribal Wildlife Grants Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and in accordance with the Indian Self-Determination and Educational Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450(f)).

(2) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND-

(A) DEPOSITS-

(i) IN GENERAL- Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year to carry out this subpart, 19.5 percent shall be deposited into the Land and Water Conservation Fund established under section 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-5).

(ii) USE OF DEPOSITS- (I) Deposits into the Land and Water Conservation Fund under this paragraph shall be supplemental to authorizations provided under section 3 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-6),

which shall remain available for nonadaptation needs.

(II) There are authorized to be appropriated for activities in this subpart such sums as are deposited in the Land and Water Conservation Fund pursuant to section 480(c)(3)(A)(ii), and the amounts appropriated for this paragraph shall be no less than the total estimated annual deposits in the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

(B) ALLOCATIONS- Of the amounts deposited under this paragraph into the Land and Water Conservation Fund--

(i) 1/6 shall be allocated to the Secretary of the Interior and made available on a competitive basis to carry out natural resources adaptation activities through the acquisition of land and interests in land under section 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-8)--

(I) to States in accordance with their natural resources adaptation plans, and to Indian tribes;

(II) notwithstanding section 5 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-7); and

(III) in addition to any funds provided pursuant to annual appropriations Acts, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.), or any other authorization for nonadaptation needs;

(ii) 1/3 shall be allocated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out natural resources adaptation activities through the acquisition of lands and interests in land under section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9);

(iii) 1/6 shall be allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture and made available to the States and Indian tribes to carry out

natural resources adaptation activities through the acquisition of land and interests in land under section 7 of the Forest Legacy Program under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103c); and

(iv) 1/3 shall be allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out natural resources adaptation activities through the acquisition of land and interests in land under section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9).

(C) EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS- In allocating funds under subparagraph (B), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture shall take into consideration factors including--

(i) the availability of non-Federal contributions from State, local, or private sources;

(ii) opportunities to protect fish and wildlife corridors or otherwise to link or consolidate fragmented habitats;

(iii) opportunities to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires, drought, extreme flooding, or other climate-related events that are harmful to fish and wildlife and people; and

(iv) the potential for conservation of species or habitat types at serious risk due to climate change, ocean acidification, and other stressors.

(3) FOREST SERVICE- Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year to carry out this subpart, 8.1 percent shall be allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture for use in funding natural resources adaptation activities carried out on national forests and national grasslands under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service and for natural resource adaptation activities on State and private forest lands carried out under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

(4) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE- Of the amounts made available for each fiscal year to carry out this subpart, 11.5 percent shall be allocated to the Secretary of Commerce for use in funding natural resources adaptation activities to protect, maintain, and restore coastal, estuarine, and marine resources, habitats, and ecosystems, including such activities carried out under--

(A) the coastal and estuarine land conservation program;

(B) the community-based restoration program;

(C) the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.), that are specifically designed to strengthen the ability of coastal, estuarine, and marine resources, habitats, and ecosystems to adapt to and withstand the impacts of climate change and ocean acidification;

(D) the Open Rivers Initiative;

(E) the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.);

(F) the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.);

(G) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

(H) the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.);

(I) the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.); and

(J) the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.).

(5) ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY- Of the amounts made available each fiscal year to carry out this section, 12.2 percent shall be allocated to the Administrator for use in natural resources

adaptation activities restoring and protecting--

(A) large-scale freshwater aquatic ecosystems, such as the Everglades, the Great Lakes, Flathead Lake, the Missouri River, the Mississippi River, the Colorado River, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers, the Ohio River, the Columbia-Snake River System, the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint River System, the Connecticut River, and the Yellowstone River;

(B) large-scale estuarine ecosystems, such as Chesapeake Bay, Long Island Sound, Puget Sound, the Mississippi River Delta, the San Francisco Bay Delta, Narragansett Bay, and Albemarle-Pamlico Sound; and

(C) freshwater and estuarine ecosystems, watersheds, and basins identified as priorities by the Administrator, working in cooperation with other Federal agencies, States, Indian tribes, local governments, scientists, and other conservation partners.

(6) CORPS OF ENGINEERS- Of the amounts made available each fiscal year to carry out this section, 8.1 percent shall be available to the Secretary of the Army for use by the Corps of Engineers to carry out natural resources adaptation activities restoring--

(A) large-scale freshwater aquatic ecosystems, such as the ecosystems described in paragraph (5)(A);

(B) large-scale estuarine ecosystems, such as the ecosystems described in paragraph (5)(B);

(C) freshwater and estuarine ecosystems, watersheds, and basins identified as priorities by the Corps of Engineers, working in cooperation with other Federal agencies, States, Indian tribes, local governments, scientists, and other conservation partners; and

(D) habitats and ecosystems through the implementation of estuary habitat restoration projects authorized by the Estuary Restoration

Act of 2000 (33 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.), project modifications for improvement of the environment, aquatic restoration and protection projects authorized by section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 2330), and other appropriate programs and activities.

(d) Use of Funds by Federal Departments and Agencies- Funds allocated to Federal departments and agencies under this section shall only be used for natural resources adaptation activities that are consistent with an adaptation plan developed and approved by the President under section 478.

(e) State Cost Sharing- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State that receives a grant with amounts allocated under this section shall use funds from non-Federal sources to pay at least 10 percent of the costs of each activity carried out using amounts provided under the grant.

SEC. 481. NATIONAL WILDLIFE HABITAT AND CORRIDORS INFORMATION PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment- Within 6 months of the date of enactment of this subpart, the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the States and Indian tribes, shall establish a National Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Corridors Information Program in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(b) Purpose- The purpose of this program is to--

(1) support States and Indian tribes in the development of a geographic information system database of fish and wildlife habitat and corridors that would inform planning and development decisions within each State and Indian tribe, enable each State and Indian tribe to model climate impacts and adaptation, and provide geographically specific enhancements of State and tribal wildlife action plans;

(2) ensure the collaborative development, with the States and Indian tribes, of a comprehensive, national geographic information system database of maps, models, data, surveys, informational products, and

other geospatial information regarding fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, that--

(A) is based on consistent protocols for sampling and mapping across landscapes that take into account regional differences; and

(B) that utilizes--

(i) existing and planned State- and tribal-based geographic information system databases; and

(ii) existing databases, analytical tools, metadata activities, and other information products available through the National Biological Information Infrastructure maintained by the Secretary and nongovernmental organizations; and

(3) facilitate the use of such databases by Federal, State, local, and tribal decisionmakers to incorporate qualitative information on fish and wildlife habitat and corridors at the earliest possible stage to--

(A) prioritize and target natural resources adaptation strategies and activities;

(B) avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts on fish and wildlife habitat and corridors in siting energy development, water, transmission, transportation, and other land use projects;

(C) assess the impacts of existing development on habitats and corridors; and

(D) develop management strategies to enhance the ability of fish, wildlife, and plant species to migrate or respond to shifting habitats within existing habitats and corridors.

(c) Habitat and Corridors Information System-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Secretary, in cooperation with the States and Indian tribes, shall develop a Habitat and Corridors Information System.

(2) CONTENTS- The System shall--

(A) include maps, data, and descriptions of fish and wildlife habitat and corridors, that--

(i) have been developed by Federal agencies, State wildlife agencies and natural heritage programs, Indian tribes, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and industry;

(ii) meet accepted Geospatial Interoperability Framework data and metadata protocols and standards;

(B) include maps and descriptions of projected shifts in habitats and corridors of fish and wildlife species in response to climate change;

(C) assure data quality and make the data, models, and analyses included in the System available at scales useful to decisionmakers--

(i) to prioritize and target natural resources adaptation strategies and activities;

(ii) to assess the impacts of proposed energy development, water, transmission, transportation, and other land use projects and avoid, minimize, and mitigate those impacts on habitats and corridors;

(iii) to assess the impacts of existing development on habitats and corridors; and

(iv) to develop management strategies to enhance the ability of fish, wildlife, and plant species to migrate or respond to shifting habitats within existing habitats and corridors;

(D) establish a process for updating maps and other information as landscapes, habitats, corridors, and wildlife populations change or as other information becomes available;

(E) encourage the development of collaborative plans by Federal

and State agencies and Indian tribes to monitor and evaluate the efficacy of the System to meet the needs of decisionmakers;

(F) identify gaps in habitat and corridor information, mapping, and research that should be addressed to fully understand and assess current data and metadata, and to prioritize research and future data collection activities for use in updating the System and provide support for those activities;

(G) include mechanisms to support collaborative research, mapping, and planning of habitats and corridors by Federal and State agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested stakeholders;

(H) incorporate biological and geospatial data on species and corridors found in energy development and transmission plans, including renewable energy initiatives, transportation, and other land use plans;

(I) be based on the best scientific information available; and

(J) identify, prioritize, and describe key parcels of non-Federal land located within the boundaries of units of the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Forest System, or National Grassland System that are critical to maintenance of wildlife habitat and migration corridors.

(d) Financial and Other Support- The Secretary may provide support to the States and Indian tribes, including financial and technical assistance, for activities that support the development and implementation of the System.

(e) Coordination- The Secretary, in cooperation with the States and Indian tribes, shall make recommendations on how the information developed in the System may be incorporated into existing relevant State and Federal plans affecting fish and wildlife, including land management plans, the State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies, and appropriate tribal conservation plans, to ensure that they--

- (1) prevent unnecessary habitat fragmentation and disruption of corridors;
- (2) promote the landscape connectivity necessary to allow wildlife to move as necessary to meet biological needs, adjust to shifts in habitat, and adapt to climate change; and
- (3) minimize the impacts of energy, development, water, transportation, and transmission projects and other activities expected to impact habitat and corridors.

(f) Definitions- In this section:

(1) GEOSPATIAL INTEROPERABILITY FRAMEWORK- The term ‘Geospatial Interoperability Framework’ means the strategy utilized by the National Biological Information Infrastructure that is based upon accepted standards, specifications, and protocols adopted through the International Standards Organization, the Open Geospatial Consortium, and the Federal Geographic Data Committee, to manage, archive, integrate, analyze, and make accessible geospatial and biological data and metadata.

(2) SECRETARY- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 482. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS REGARDING INDIAN TRIBES.

(a) Federal Trust Responsibility- Nothing in this subpart is intended to amend, alter, or give priority over the Federal trust responsibility to Indian tribes.

(b) Exemption From FOIA- Information received by a Federal agency pursuant to this Act relating to the location, character, or ownership of human remains of a person of Indian ancestry; or resources, cultural items, uses, or activities identified by an Indian tribe as traditional or cultural

because of the long-established significance or ceremonial nature to the Indian tribe; shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, if the head of the agency, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and an affected Indian tribe, determines that disclosure may--

(1) cause a significant invasion of privacy;

(2) risk harm to the human remains or resources, cultural items, uses, or activities; or

(3) impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners.

(c) Application of Other Law- The Secretary of the Interior may apply the provisions of Public Law 93-638 where appropriate in the implementation of this subpart.

PART 2--INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAM

SEC. 491. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) Findings- Congress finds the following:

(1) Global climate change is a potentially significant national and global security threat multiplier and is likely to exacerbate competition and conflict over agricultural, vegetative, marine, and water resources and to result in increased displacement of people, poverty, and hunger within developing countries.

(2) The strategic, social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental consequences of global climate change are likely to have disproportionate adverse impacts on developing countries, which have less economic capacity to respond to such impacts.

(3) The countries most vulnerable to climate change, due both to greater

exposure to harmful impacts and to lower capacity to adapt, are developing countries with very low industrial greenhouse gas emissions that have contributed less to climate change than more affluent countries.

(4) To a much greater degree than developed countries, developing countries rely on the natural and environmental systems likely to be affected by climate change for sustenance, livelihoods, and economic growth and stability.

(5) Within developing countries there may be varying climate change adaptation and resilience needs among different communities and populations, including impoverished communities, children, women, and indigenous peoples.

(6) The consequences of global climate change, including increases in poverty and destabilization of economies and societies, are likely to pose long-term challenges to the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States.

(7) It is in the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States to recognize, plan for, and mitigate the international strategic, social, political, cultural, environmental, health, and economic effects of climate change and to assist developing countries to increase their resilience to those effects.

(8) Under Article 4 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, developed country parties, including the United States, committed to ‘assist the developing country parties that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change in meeting costs of adaptation to those adverse effects’.

(9) Under the Bali Action Plan, developed country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the United States, committed to ‘enhanced action on the provision of financial resources and investment to support action on mitigation and adaptation and technology cooperation,’ including, inter alia,

consideration of ‘improved access to adequate, predictable, and sustainable financial resources and financial and technical support, and the provision of new and additional resources, including official and concessional funding for developing country parties’.

(b) Purposes- The purposes of this part are--

(1) to provide new and additional assistance from the United States to the most vulnerable developing countries, including the most vulnerable communities and populations therein, in order to support the development and implementation of climate change adaptation programs and activities that reduce the vulnerability and increase the resilience of communities to climate change impacts, including impacts on water availability, agricultural productivity, flood risk, coastal resources, timing of seasons, biodiversity, economic livelihoods, health and diseases, and human migration; and

(2) to provide such assistance in a manner that protects and promotes the national security, foreign policy, environmental, and economic interests of the United States to the extent such interests may be advanced by minimizing, averting, or increasing resilience to climate change impacts.

SEC. 492. DEFINITIONS.

In this part:

(1) ALLOWANCE- The term ‘allowance’ means an emission allowance established under section 721 of the Clean Air Act.

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES- The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means--

(A) the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committees on Environment and Public Works and Foreign

Relations of the Senate.

(3) **DEVELOPING COUNTRY**- The term ‘developing country’ means a country eligible to receive official development assistance according to the income guidelines of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

(4) **MOST VULNERABLE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**- The term ‘most vulnerable developing countries’ means, as determined by the Administrator of USAID, developing countries that are at risk of substantial adverse impacts of climate change and have limited capacity to respond to such impacts, considering the approaches included in any international treaties and agreements.

(5) **MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES AND POPULATIONS**- The term ‘most vulnerable communities and populations’ means communities and populations that are at risk of substantial adverse impacts of climate change and have limited capacity to respond to such impacts, including impoverished communities, children, women, and indigenous peoples.

(6) **PROGRAM**- The term ‘Program’ means the International Climate Change Adaptation Program established under section 493.

(7) **USAID**- The term ‘USAID’ means the United States Agency for International Development.

(8) **UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**- The term ‘United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change’ or ‘Convention’ means the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change done at New York on May 9, 1992, and entered into force on March 21, 1994.

SEC. 493. INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment- The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish an International Climate Change Adaptation Program in accordance with the requirements of this part.

(b) Allowance Account- Allowances allocated pursuant to section 782(n) of the Clean Air Act shall be available for distribution to carry out the Program established under subsection (a).

(c) Supplement Not Supplant- Assistance provided under this part shall be used to supplement, and not to supplant, any other Federal, State, or local resources available to carry out activities of the type carried out under the Program.

SEC. 494. DISTRIBUTION OF ALLOWANCES.

(a) In General- The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator of USAID, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall direct the distribution of allowances to carry out the Program--

(1) in the form of bilateral assistance pursuant to the requirements under section 495;

(2) to multilateral funds or international institutions pursuant to the Convention or an agreement negotiated under the Convention; or

(3) through a combination of the mechanisms identified under paragraphs (1) and (2).

(b) Limitation-

(1) **CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION TO MULTILATERAL FUNDS OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS-** In any fiscal year, the Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President

may designate, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall distribute at least 40 percent and up to 60 percent of the allowances available to carry out the Program to one or more multilateral funds or international institutions that meet the requirements of paragraph (2), if any such fund or institution exists, and shall annually certify in a report to the appropriate congressional committees that any multilateral fund or international institution receiving allowances under this section meets the requirements of paragraph (2) or that no multilateral fund or international institution that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) exists, as the case may be. The Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate congressional committees not less than 15 days prior to any transfer of allowances to a multilateral fund or international institution pursuant to this section.

(2) MULTILATERAL FUND OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY- A multilateral fund or international institution is eligible to receive allowances available to carry out the Program--

(A) if--

(i) such fund or institution is established pursuant to--

(I) the Convention; or

(II) an agreement negotiated under the Convention; or

(ii) the allowances are directed to one or more multilateral development banks or international development institutions, pursuant to an agreement negotiated under such Convention; and

(B) if such fund or institution--

(i) specifies the terms and conditions under which the United States is to provide allowances to the fund or institution, and under which the fund or institution is to provide assistance to

recipient countries;

(ii) ensures that assistance from the United States to the fund or institution and the principal and income of the fund or institution are disbursed only for purposes that are consistent with those described in section 491(b)(1);

(iii) requires a regular meeting of a governing body of the fund or institution that includes representation from countries among the most vulnerable developing countries and provides public access;

(iv) requires that local communities and indigenous peoples in areas where any activities or programs are planned are engaged through adequate disclosure of information, public participation, and consultation; and

(v) prepares and makes public an annual report that--

(I) describes the process and methodology for selecting the recipients of assistance from the fund or institution, including assessments of vulnerability;

(II) describes specific programs and activities supported by the fund or institution and the extent to which the assistance is addressing the adaptation needs of the most vulnerable developing countries, and the most vulnerable communities and populations therein;

(III) describes the performance goals for assistance authorized under the fund or institution and expresses such goals in an objective and quantifiable form, to the extent practicable;

(IV) describes the performance indicators to be used in measuring or assessing the achievement of the performance goals described in subclause (III);

(V) provides a basis for recommendations for adjustments to assistance authorized under this part to enhance the impact of such assistance; and

(VI) describes the participation of other nations and international organizations in supporting and governing the fund or institution.

(c) Oversight-

(1) DISTRIBUTION TO MULTILATERAL FUNDS OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS- The Secretary of State, or such other Federal agency head as the President may designate, in consultation with the Administrator of USAID, shall oversee the distribution of allowances available to carry out the Program to a multilateral fund or international institution under subsection (b).

(2) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE- The Administrator of USAID, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall oversee the distribution of allowances available to carry out the Program for bilateral assistance under section 495.

SEC. 495. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) Activities and Foreign Aid-

(1) IN GENERAL- In order to achieve the purposes of this part, the Administrator of USAID may carry out programs and activities and distribute allowances to any private or public group (including international organizations and faith-based organizations), association, or other entity engaged in peaceful activities to--

(A) provide assistance to the most vulnerable developing countries for--

(i) the development of national or regional climate change adaptation plans, including a systematic assessment of

socioeconomic vulnerabilities in order to identify the most vulnerable communities and populations;

(ii) associated national policies; and

(iii) planning, financing, and execution of adaptation programs and activities;

(B) support investments, capacity-building activities, and other assistance, to reduce vulnerability and promote community-level resilience related to climate change and its impacts in the most vulnerable developing countries, including impacts on water availability, agricultural productivity, flood risk, coastal resources, timing of seasons, biodiversity, economic livelihoods, health, human migration, or other social, economic, political, cultural, or environmental matters;

(C) support climate change adaptation research in or for the most vulnerable developing countries;

(D) reduce vulnerability and provide increased resilience to climate change for local communities and livelihoods in the most vulnerable developing countries by encouraging--

(i) the protection and rehabilitation of natural systems;

(ii) the enhancement and diversification of agricultural, fishery, and other livelihoods; and

(iii) the reduction of disaster risks;

(E) support the deployment of technologies to help the most vulnerable developing countries respond to the destabilizing impacts of climate change and encourage the identification and adoption of appropriate renewable and efficient energy technologies that are beneficial in increasing community-level resilience to the impacts of global climate change in those countries; and

(F) encourage the engagement of local communities through disclosure of information, consultation, and the communities' informed participation relating to the development of plans, programs, and activities to increase community-level resilience to climate change impacts.

(2) LIMITATIONS- Not more than 10 percent of the allowances made available to carry out bilateral assistance under this part in any year shall be distributed to support activities in any single country.

(3) PRIORITIZING ASSISTANCE- In providing assistance under this section, the Administrator of USAID shall give priority to countries, including the most vulnerable communities and populations therein, that are most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change, determined by the likelihood and severity of such impacts and the country's capacity to adapt to such impacts.

(b) Community Engagement-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator of USAID shall ensure that local communities, including the most vulnerable communities and populations therein, in areas where any programs or activities are carried out pursuant to this section are engaged in, through disclosure of information, public participation, and consultation, the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of such programs and activities.

(2) CONSULTATION AND DISCLOSURE- For each country receiving assistance under this section, the Administrator of USAID shall establish a process for consultation with, and disclosure of information to, local, national, and international stakeholders regarding any programs and activities carried out pursuant to this section.

(c) Coordination-

(1) ALIGNMENT OF ACTIVITIES- Subject to the direction of the President and the Secretary of State, the Administrator of USAID shall,

to the extent practicable, seek to align activities under this section with broader development, poverty alleviation, or natural resource management objectives and initiatives in the recipient country.

(2) **COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES**- The Administrator of USAID shall ensure that there is coordination among the activities under this section, subtitle D of this title, and part E of title VII of the Clean Air Act, in order to maximize the effectiveness of United States assistance to developing countries.

(d) **Reporting-**

(1) **INITIAL REPORT**- Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this part, the Administrator of USAID, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the President and the appropriate congressional committees an initial report that--

(A) based on the most recent information available from reliable public sources or knowledge obtained by USAID on a reliable basis, as determined by the Administrator of USAID, identifies the developing countries, including the most vulnerable communities and populations therein, that are most vulnerable to climate change impacts and in which assistance may have the greatest and most sustainable benefit in reducing vulnerability to climate change; and

(B) describes the process and methodology for selecting the recipients of assistance under subsection (a)(1).

(2) **ANNUAL REPORTS**- Not later than 18 months after the date on which the initial report is submitted pursuant to paragraph (1), and annually thereafter, the Administrator of USAID, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the President and the appropriate congressional committees a report that--

(A) describes the extent to which global climate change, through its potential negative impacts on sensitive populations and natural resources in the most vulnerable developing countries, may threaten,

cause, or exacerbate political, economic, environmental, cultural, or social instability or international conflict in those regions;

(B) describes the ramifications of any potentially destabilizing impacts climate change may have on the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States, including--

(i) the creation of environmental migrants and internally displaced peoples;

(ii) international or internal armed conflicts over water, food, land, or other resources;

(iii) loss of agricultural and other livelihoods, cultural stability, and other causes of increased poverty and economic destabilization;

(iv) decline in availability of resources needed for survival, including water;

(v) increased impact of natural disasters (including droughts, flooding, and other severe weather events);

(vi) increased prevalence or virulence of climate-related diseases; and

(vii) intensified urban migration;

(C) describes how allowances available under this section were distributed during the previous fiscal year to enhance the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States and assist in avoiding the economically, politically, environmentally, culturally, and socially destabilizing impacts of climate change in most vulnerable developing countries;

(D) identifies and recommends the developing countries, including the most vulnerable communities and populations therein, that are

most vulnerable to climate change impacts and in which assistance may have the greatest and most sustainable benefit in reducing vulnerability to climate change, including in the form of deploying technologies, investments, capacity-building activities, and other types of assistance for adaptation to climate change impacts and approaches to reduce greenhouse gases in ways that may also provide community-level resilience to climate change impacts; and

(E) describes cooperation undertaken with other nations and international organizations to carry out this part.

(e) Monitoring and Evaluation-

(1) IN GENERAL- The Administrator of USAID shall establish and implement a system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of assistance provided under this section in order to maximize the long-term sustainable development impact of such assistance, including the extent to which such assistance is meeting the purposes of this part and addressing the adaptation needs of developing countries.

(2) REQUIREMENTS- In carrying out paragraph (1), the Administrator of USAID shall--

(A) in consultation with national governments in recipient countries, establish performance goals for assistance authorized under this section and express such goals in an objective and quantifiable form, to the extent practicable;

(B) establish performance indicators to be used in measuring or assessing the achievement of the performance goals described in subparagraph (A), including an evaluation of--

(i) the extent to which assistance under this section provided for disclosure of information to, consultation with, and informed participation by local communities;

(ii) the extent to which local communities participated in the

design, implementation, and evaluation of programs and activities implemented pursuant to this section; and

(iii) the impacts of such participation on the goals and objectives of the programs and activities implemented under this section;

(C) provide a basis for recommendations for adjustments to assistance authorized under this section to enhance the impact of such assistance; and

(D) include, in the annual report to the appropriate congressional committees and other relevant agencies required under subsection (d)(2), findings resulting from the monitoring and evaluation of programs and activities under this section.

Subtitle F--Deficit Neutral Budgetary Treatment

SEC. 496. DEFICIT NEUTRALITY.

(a) Funds Established- Funds established under sections 422, 467, and 480 of this Act are to be treated as separate accounts in the Treasury and shall be known as ‘the Funds’.

(b) Availability- Funds appropriated or made available pursuant to sections 422(b), 467(b), and 480(b)(2) are only available for the purposes set forth under this Act. Receipts in the Funds and appropriations therefrom shall not be available and are precluded from obligation for any other purpose.

(c) Estimation of Budgetary Impact- For the purposes of estimating the revenue and spending effects of this Act;

(1) the revenue assumed to be deposited into the Funds established under sections 422, 467, and 480, shall be attributed to this Act; and

(2) the authorization or availability of appropriations from the Funds shall be treated as new direct spending and attributed to this Act.

(d) **Budgetary Treatment-** For the purposes of section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Funds, and amounts subsequently appropriated or made available for the purposes for which such Funds were established, shall be deemed to be included on the list of appropriations referenced under section 250(c)(17) of that Act. Such appropriations from each Fund shall not be in excess of the amounts deposited into the respective Fund in the previous year.

TITLE V--AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RELATED OFFSETS

Subtitle A--Offset Credit Program From Domestic Agricultural and Forestry Sources

SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.

(a) **In General-** In this title:

(1) **ADDITIONAL-** The term ‘additional’, when used with respect to reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or to sequestration of greenhouse gases, means reductions, avoidance, or sequestration that result in a lower level of net greenhouse gas emissions or atmospheric concentrations than would occur in the absence of an offset project.

(2) **ADDITIONALITY-** The term ‘additionality’ means the extent to which reductions or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, are additional.

(3) **ADMINISTRATOR-** The term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(4) **ADVISORY COMMITTEE-** The term ‘Advisory Committee’ means the USDA Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Sequestration Advisory Committee established under section 1245(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3845).

(5) **GREENHOUSE GAS**- The term ‘greenhouse gas’ means any of the following:

(A) Carbon dioxide.

(B) Methane.

(C) Nitrous oxide.

(D) Sulfur hexafluoride.

(E) Hydrofluorocarbons from a chemical manufacturing process at an industrial stationary source.

(F) Any perfluorocarbon.

(G) Nitrogen trifluoride.

(H) Any other anthropogenic gas designated as a greenhouse gas by the Administrator.

(6) **LEAKAGE**- The term ‘leakage’ means a significant and quantifiable increase in greenhouse gas emissions, or a significant and quantifiable decrease in sequestration, which is caused by an offset practice and occurs outside the boundaries of the offset practice.

(7) **OFFSET CREDIT**- The term ‘offset credit’ means a tradeable compliance instrument that--

(A) represents the reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of 1 ton of carbon dioxide equivalent; and

(B) is issued pursuant to this title.

(8) **OFFSET PRACTICE**- The term ‘offset practice’ means an activity that reduces, avoids, or sequesters greenhouse gas emissions, and for which offset credits may be issued pursuant to this title.

(9) **OFFSET PRODUCER**- The term ‘offset producer’ means an owner, operator, landlord, tenant, or sharecropper who has or shares responsibility for ensuring that an offset practice is established and maintained during the crediting period for purposes of an offset credit.

(10) **OFFSET PROJECT**- The term ‘offset project’ means a practice or set of practices that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester greenhouse gases as implemented by an offset producer.

(11) **OFFSET PROJECT DEVELOPER**- The term ‘offset project developer’ means the offset producer or designee of the offset producer.

(12) **PRACTICE TYPE**- The term ‘practice type’ means a discrete category of offset practices for which the Secretary develops a standardized methodology to accurately estimate the amount of greenhouse gas emissions reduced or avoided or greenhouse gases sequestered.

(13) **REVERSAL**- The term ‘reversal’ means an intentional or unintentional loss of sequestered greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

(14) **SECRETARY**- The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(15) **SEQUESTRATION AND SEQUESTERED**- The terms ‘sequestered’ and ‘sequestration’ mean the separation, isolation, or removal of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, as determined by the Secretary. The terms include biological sequestration, but do not include ocean fertilization techniques.

(16) **TERM OFFSET CREDIT**- The term ‘term offset credit’ means a compliance instrument authorized under section 504(d).

(b) **Agricultural and Forestry Exception to Definition of Capped Sector**- For purposes of this title and title III of this Act, and amendments made by such titles, the term ‘capped sector’ means a sector of economic activity that

directly emits capped emissions, including the industrial sector, the electricity generation sector, the transportation sector, and the residential and commercial sectors (to the extent they burn oil or natural gas), but not including the agricultural or forestry sectors.

SEC. 502. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFSET CREDIT PROGRAM FROM DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SOURCES.

(a) Establishment- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall establish a program governing the generation of offset credits from domestic agricultural and forestry sources.

(b) Requirements- The program described in subsection (a) shall--

(1) ensure that offset credits represent verifiable and additional greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or increases in sequestration; and

(2) ensure that offset credits issued for sequestration offset projects are only issued for greenhouse gas reductions that result in a permanent net reduction in atmospheric greenhouse gases.

(c) Duties of Secretary- In addition to the duties described in subsection (a) and section 1245 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3845), the Secretary shall, with respect to practices relating to offset credits from agricultural and forestry sources--

(1) establish by rule methodologies by practice types for quantifying greenhouse gas benefits;

(2) establish by rule methodologies for each practice type for establishing activity baselines and determining additionality;

(3) establish by rule methodologies by practice types for accounting for and mitigating potential leakage;

- (4) establish rules to account for and address reversals;
- (5) establish rules to require third-party verification;
- (6) provide technical assistance to offset project developers using funds appropriated to the Conservation Operations account;
- (7) establish rules for approval of offset project plans;
- (8) establish rules for certification of implementation of offset project plans;
- (9) establish by rule requirements for reporting and record keeping; and
- (10) conduct audits.

SEC. 503. LIST OF ELIGIBLE DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY OFFSET PRACTICE TYPES.

(a) List Required-

(1) PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary shall prepare and publish in the Federal Register a list of domestic agricultural and forestry practice types that are eligible to generate offset credits under this title because the practices avoid or reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases.

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS- In preparing the list under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

(b) Initial List- At a minimum, the list prepared under this section shall include those practices that avoid or reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases, such as--

- (1) agricultural, grassland, and rangeland sequestration and management practices, including--
 - (A) altered tillage practices;
 - (B) winter cover cropping, continuous cropping, and other means to increase biomass returned to soil in lieu of planting followed by fallowing;
 - (C) reduction of nitrogen fertilizer use or increase in nitrogen use efficiency;
 - (D) reduction in the frequency and duration of flooding of rice paddies;
 - (E) reduction in carbon emissions from organic soils;
 - (F) reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from manure and effluent; and
 - (G) reduction in greenhouse gas emissions due to changes in animal management practices, including dietary modifications;
- (2) changes in carbon stocks attributed to land use change and forestry activities, including--
 - (A) afforestation or reforestation of acreage that is not forested;
 - (B) forest management resulting in an increase in forest carbon stores including but not limited to harvested wood products;
 - (C) management of peatland or wetland;
 - (D) conservation of grassland and forested land;
 - (E) improved forest management, including accounting for carbon stored in wood products;

(F) reduced deforestation or avoided forest conversion;

(G) urban tree-planting and maintenance;

(H) agroforestry; and

(I) adaptation of plant traits or new technologies that increase sequestration by forests; and

(3) manure management and disposal, including--

(A) waste aeration;

(B) biogas capture and combustion; and

(C) application to fields as a substitute for commercial fertilizer.

(c) Additions and Revisions to List-

(1) PERIODIC REVISION- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this title, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary, after public notice and opportunity for comment, shall add to and revise the types of offset practices to the list established under subsection (a) if those types of practices meet the standards for environmental integrity that are consistent with the purposes of this title.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS- The Secretary shall--

(A) consider petitions to add types of offset practices to the list established under subsection (a); and

(B) add those types of offset practices to the list if the types of offset practices meet standards for environmental integrity consistent with the purposes of this title.

(3) TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS- Not later than 1 year after the receipt of a petition under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall make a decision to either grant or deny the petition and publish a

written explanation of the reasons for the Secretary's decision. The Secretary may not deny a petition under this subsection on the basis of inadequate Department of Agriculture resources at the time of the review.

SEC. 504. REQUIREMENTS FOR DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY PRACTICES.

(a) Methodologies-

(1) **IN GENERAL; CONDITION-** In promulgating regulations under section 502, the Secretary shall establish methodologies for domestic agricultural and forestry practices listed under section 503, if the Secretary determines that methodologies can be established for such practices that meet each of the requirements of this section. The Secretary shall only issue offset credits under this title pursuant to promulgated methodologies applicable to the offset practice that avoided or reduced greenhouse gas emissions or sequestered greenhouse gases.

(2) **SPECIFIED METHODOLOGIES-** The Secretary shall establish the following methodologies under this section:

(A) **ACTIVITY BASELINES-** A standardized methodology for establishing activity baselines for an offset practice of that type. The Secretary shall set activity baselines to reflect a conservative estimate of performance or activities for the relevant type of practice (excluding changes in performance or activities due to the availability of offset credits) such that the baseline provides an adequate margin of safety to ensure the environmental integrity of offset credits calculated in reference to such baseline.

(B) **ADDITIONALITY-** A standardized methodology for determining the additionality of greenhouse gas emissions reduction or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, achieved by an offset practice of that type. Such methodology shall ensure, at a

minimum, that any greenhouse gas emission reduction or avoidance, or any greenhouse gas sequestration, is considered additional only to the extent that it results from activities that--

(i) are not required by existing government regulations, as determined by the Secretary;

(ii) were not commenced prior to January 1, 2009, except in the case of--

(I) offset project activities that commenced after January 1, 2001, and were registered as of the date of enactment of this title under an offset program with respect to which an affirmative determination has been made under section 740 of the Clean Air Act; or

(II) activities that are readily reversible, with respect to which the Secretary may set an alternative earlier date under this subparagraph that is not earlier than January 1, 2001, where the Secretary determines that setting such an alternative date may produce an environmental benefit by removing an incentive to cease and then reinitiate activities that began prior to January 1, 2009; and

(iii) exceed the applicable activity baseline established under paragraph (2).

(C) **QUANTIFICATION METHODS**- A standardized methodology for determining the extent to which greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or greenhouse gas sequestration, achieved by an offset practice of that type exceeded a relevant activity baseline, including methods for monitoring and accounting for uncertainty.

(D) **LEAKAGE**- A standardized methodology for accounting for and mitigating potential leakage, if any, from an offset practice of that type, taking uncertainty into account, excluding international

indirect land use changes unless a positive determination is made under section 211(o)(13)(C)(iii) of the Clean Air Act.

(b) Special Considerations-

(1) EXISTING OFFSET PRACTICES- In establishing the methodologies under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give due consideration to methodologies for offset practices existing as of the date of the enactment of this title.

(2) CERTAIN FACTORS- As part of the methodologies established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish a formula that takes into account the components of the practice, the characteristics of the land on which the practice is applied, the crop produced, and such other factors as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(c) Accounting for Reversals-

(1) IN GENERAL- Except as provided in subsection (d) with respect to issuance of a term offset credit, for each type of practice listed under section 503, the Secretary shall establish requirements to account for and address reversals, including--

(A) a requirement to report any reversal with respect to an offset practice for which offset credits have been issued under this title;

(B) provisions to require emission allowances or offset credits to be held in amounts to fully compensate for greenhouse gas emissions attributable to reversals, and to assign responsibility for holding such emission allowances; and

(C) any other provisions that the Secretary determines to be necessary to account for and address reversals.

(2) MECHANISMS-

(A) IN GENERAL- The Secretary shall prescribe mechanisms to

ensure that any sequestration of greenhouse gases, with respect to which an offset credit is issued under this title, results in a permanent net increase in sequestration of greenhouse gases, and that full account is taken of any actual or potential reversal of such sequestration, with an adequate margin of safety.

(B) SPECIFIC MECHANISMS- The Secretary shall make available one or more of the following mechanisms to meet the requirements of this paragraph:

(i) An offsets reserve, pursuant to paragraph (3).

(ii) Insurance that provides for purchase and provision to the Secretary for retirement of a quantity of offset credits or emission allowances equal in number to the tons of carbon dioxide equivalents of greenhouse gas emissions released due to reversal.

(iii) Another mechanism if the Secretary determines it is necessary to satisfy the requirements of this title, taking into account whether the reversal was intentional or unintentional.

(3) OFFSETS RESERVE-

(A) IN GENERAL- An offsets reserve referred to in paragraph (2)(B)(i) is a program under which, before issuance of offset credits under this title, the Secretary shall--

(i) subtract and reserve from the quantity to be issued a quantity of offset credits based on the risk of reversal;

(ii) hold those reserved offset credits in the offsets reserve; and

(iii) register the holding of the reserved offset credits in an offset registry.

(B) PRACTICE REVERSAL-

(i) **IN GENERAL**- If a reversal has occurred with respect to an offset practice within an offset project, for which offset credits are reserved under this paragraph, the Secretary shall retire offset credits from the offsets reserve to fully account for the tons of carbon dioxide equivalent that are no longer sequestered.

(ii) **INTENTIONAL REVERSALS**- If the Secretary determines that a reversal was intentional, the offset practice developer for the relevant offset practice shall place into the offsets reserve a quantity of offset credits, or combination of offset credits and emission allowances, equal in number to the number of reserve offset credits that were retired pursuant to clause (i).

(iii) **UNINTENTIONAL REVERSALS**- If the Secretary determines that a reversal was unintentional, the offset project developer for the relevant offset project shall place into the offsets reserve a quantity of offset credits, or combination of offset credits and emission allowances, equal in number to half the number of offset credits that were reserved for that offset project, or half the number of reserve offset credits that were canceled due to the reversal pursuant to clause (i), whichever is less, except that the Secretary may lower this amount based on undue hardship in the event of a catastrophic occurrence.

(C) **USE OF RESERVED OFFSET CREDITS**- Offset credits placed into the offsets reserve under this paragraph may not be used to comply with section 722 of the Clean Air Act.

(d) **Term Offset Credits**-

(1) **APPLICABILITY**- With respect to a practice listed under section 503 that sequesters greenhouse gases and has a crediting period of no more than 5 years, the Secretary may address reversals pursuant to this subsection in lieu of permanently accounting for reversals pursuant to subsection (c).

(2) **ACCOUNTING FOR REVERSALS**- For such practices or projects implementing such practices, the Secretary shall require only reversals that occur during the crediting period to be accounted for and addressed pursuant to subsection (c).

(3) **CREDITS ISSUED**- For practices or projects regulated pursuant to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall issue under section 507 a term offset credit, in lieu of an offset credit, for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent that has been sequestered.

(e) **Crediting Periods**-

(1) **IN GENERAL**- For each offset practice type within an offset project, the Secretary shall specify a crediting period, and establish provisions for reenrollment for a subsequent crediting period, in accordance with this subsection.

(2) **DURATION**- The crediting period shall have a term of up to--

(A) 5 years for agricultural sequestration practices;

(B) 20 years for forestry sequestration practices; and

(C) 10 years for other practice types that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases.

(3) **ELIGIBILITY**- An offset practice, within an offset project, shall--

(A) be eligible to generate offset credits under this title only during the crediting period of the offset practice; and

(B) remain eligible to generate offset credits, only during the crediting period, subject to the methodologies and practice type eligibility list that applied as of the date of the project approval.

(4) **REENROLLMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT CREDITING PERIOD**-

(A) **REENROLLMENT AUTHORIZED; TIME FOR**

REENROLLMENT- An offset project developer may reenroll for a subsequent crediting period, to commence after termination of the current crediting period, subject to the methodologies and practice type eligibility list in effect at the time of reenrollment.

Reenrollment may not occur more than 18 months before the end of the crediting period then in effect.

(B) LIMITATION- The Secretary may limit the number of subsequent crediting periods available for a particular practice type.

(f) Environmental Integrity- In establishing the requirements under this section, the Secretary shall apply conservative assumptions or methods to ensure the environmental integrity of the cap established under section 703 of the Clean Air Act is not compromised.

SEC. 505. PROJECT PLAN SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL.

(a) Project Plan Required- An offset project developer shall submit to the Secretary an offset project plan for approval.

(b) Requirements- As part of the regulations promulgated under this title, the Secretary shall include provisions for, and shall specify, the required components of an offset project plan, including--

(1) designation of an offset project developer;

(2) a list and schedule of the practices to be implemented;

(3) any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary--

(A) to determine whether the offset practice, within the offset project, is eligible for issuance of offset credits under regulations promulgated under this title; and

(B) to achieve the purposes of this title.

(c) Time for Consideration; Notification- Not later than 90 days after

receiving a complete offset project plan under subsection (a), the Secretary shall--

(1) approve the plan in writing and include an estimate of the offset project credits that will be earned if the plan is implemented, subject to verification of all project-specific variables; or

(2) if the plan is denied, provide the reasons for denial in writing.

(d) Appeal- The Secretary shall establish procedures for appeal and review of determinations made under this section.

(e) Resubmission- After an offset project plan is approved, the offset project developer shall not be required to resubmit a project plan during the crediting period.

SEC. 506. VERIFICATION OF OFFSET PRACTICES.

(a) In General- As part of the regulations promulgated under this title, the Secretary shall establish requirements to verify--

(1) that offset practices in an approved offset project plan have been implemented; and

(2) the quantity of greenhouse gas emission reductions or avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, resulting from an offset practice and project.

(b) Verification Reports-

(1) IN GENERAL- The regulations described in subsection (a) shall require an offset project developer to submit a report, prepared by a third-party verifier accredited under subsection (c).

(2) REQUIREMENTS- The Secretary shall specify the components of a verification report required under paragraph (1), including--

- (A) the name and contact information for the offset project developer;
- (B) a certification that the project plan has been implemented;
- (C) the quantity of greenhouse gases reduced, avoided, or sequestered;
- (D) a certification establishing that the conflict of interest requirements in the regulations promulgated under this title have been complied with;
- (E) any other information that the Secretary requires to determine the quantity of greenhouse gas emission reduction or avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gases, resulting from the offset practice and project; and
- (F) any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary to achieve the purposes of this title.

(c) Verifier Accreditation-

- (1) IN GENERAL- As part of the regulations promulgated under this title, the Secretary shall establish a process and requirements for periodic accreditation of third-party verifiers for offset credits under this program to ensure that those verifiers are professionally qualified and have no conflicts of interest.
- (2) PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY- Each verifier meeting the requirements for accreditation in accordance with this subsection shall be listed in a publicly accessible database, which shall be maintained and updated by the Secretary.

SEC. 507. CERTIFICATION OF OFFSET CREDITS.

- (a) Determination and Notification- Not later than 90 days after receiving a complete verification report, the Secretary shall--

(1) make a determination of the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions that have been reduced or avoided, or greenhouse gases that have been sequestered, by the offset practice in an approved and verified offset project plan; and

(2) notify the offset project developer in writing of the determination.

(b) Issuance of Offset Credits- The Secretary shall issue 1 offset credit to an offset project developer for each ton of carbon dioxide equivalent that the Secretary determines has been reduced, avoided, or sequestered during the crediting period. Offset credits may be issued only for greenhouse gas emissions reduced, avoided, or sequestered after January 1, 2009.

(c) Appeal- The Secretary shall establish procedures for appeal and review of determinations made under subsection (a).

(d) Timing- Offset credits meeting the criteria described in subsection (b) shall be issued by the Secretary not later than 14 days after the date on which the Secretary makes a determination under subsection (a).

(e) Registration- The Secretary shall obtain from the Administrator a unique serial number to allow for the registration of each offset credit to be issued under this title.

SEC. 508. OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF OFFSET CREDITS.

(a) Ownership- Initial ownership of an offset credit shall lie with the offset project developer, unless otherwise specified in a legally binding contract or agreement.

(b) Transferability- An offset credit issued under this title may be sold, traded, or transferred, unless the offset credit has expired or been retired.

SEC. 509. PROGRAM REVIEW AND REVISION.

At least once every 5 years, the Secretary shall review and, based on new or updated information and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Board, update and revise--

- (1) the list of eligible practice types established under section 503;
- (2) the methodologies established, including specific activity baselines, under section 504(a);
- (3) the reversal requirements and mechanisms established or prescribed under subsections (c) and (d) of section 504;
- (4) measures to improve the accountability of the offsets program; and
- (5) any other requirements established under this title to ensure the environmental integrity and effective operation of this title.

SEC. 510. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS.

If the Secretary lists forestry practices as eligible offset practice types under section 503, the Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, shall promulgate regulations for the selection and use of species in forestry and other relevant land management-related offset practices--

- (1) to ensure that native species are given primary consideration in such practices;
- (2) to encourage the conservation of biological diversity in such practices;
- (3) to prohibit the use of federally designated or State-designated noxious weeds;
- (4) to prohibit the use of a species listed by a regional or State invasive plant authority within the applicable region or State; and
- (5) in accordance with widely accepted, environmentally sustainable

forestry practices.

SEC. 511. AUDITS.

(a) **Audits Required-** The Secretary shall conduct, on an annual basis, random audits of offset projects, offset credits, and the practices of third-party verifiers. At a minimum, the Secretary shall conduct audits each year for a representative sample of practice types and geographical areas.

(b) **Additional Authority-** Nothing in this section prevents the Secretary from conducting any audit the Secretary considers to be necessary.

Subtitle B--USDA Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Sequestration Advisory Committee

SEC. 531. ESTABLISHMENT OF USDA GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION AND SEQUESTRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Section 1245 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3854), as added by section 2709 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 1809), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

‘(f) **USDA Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Sequestration
Advisory Committee-**

‘(1) **ESTABLISHMENT-** Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, the Secretary shall establish an independent advisory committee, to be known as the ‘USDA Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction and Sequestration Advisory Committee’, to provide scientific and technical advice on establishing, implementing, and ensuring the overall environmental integrity of an offset program for domestic

agricultural and forestry practices that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, or sequester greenhouse gases.

‘(2) MEMBERSHIP- The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of nine members, including a chairperson and vice-chairperson, appointed by the Secretary. Each member shall be qualified by education, training, and experience to evaluate scientific and technical information for domestic agricultural and forestry offset practices that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases.

‘(3) TERMS- Terms shall be 3 years in length, except for the initial terms, which may be up to 5 years in length to allow staggered terms. Members may be reappointed only once for an additional 3-year term, and such term may follow directly after a first term.

‘(4) DUTIES- The Advisory Committee shall--

‘(A) provide options and recommendations, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, to the Secretary regarding the establishment of methodologies as described in section 504 of such Act, taking into account relevant scientific information, including--

‘(i) the availability of representative data for use in developing an activity baseline for a land area, forest, soil, industry sector, and facility type;

‘(ii) the potential for accurate quantification of greenhouse gas reduction, or sequestration for an offset practice type;

‘(iii) the potential level of scientific and measurement uncertainty associated with an offset practice type; and

‘(iv) the use of practice methodologies that account for common practice or other direct comparisons within a relevant land area, industry sector, forest, soil, or facility type;

‘(B) make available to the Secretary options and recommendations for the program as a whole and on offset methodologies for each practice type that should be considered under regulations promulgated pursuant to section 504 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, including methodologies to address the issues of additionality, activity baselines, measurement, leakage, including the application of sector specific leakage factors, uncertainty, permanence, and environmental integrity;

‘(C) make available to the Secretary advice and comment on areas where further knowledge is required to appraise the adequacy of existing, revised, or proposed methodologies and describe the research efforts necessary to provide the required information;

‘(D) make available to the Secretary advice and comments on other ways to improve or safeguard the environmental integrity of the offset practice types listed under section 503 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009; and

‘(E) provide options and recommendations regarding new practice types.

‘(5) SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF OFFSET PROGRAM- Not later than January 1, 2017, and at 5-year intervals thereafter, the Advisory Committee shall--

‘(A) submit to the Secretary and make available to the public an analysis of relevant scientific and technical information regarding agricultural and forestry offset

practices that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions or sequester greenhouse gases;

‘(B) review approved and potential practice types, methodologies, scientific studies, offset project monitoring, offset project verification reports, reporting of reversals, audits related to the offset program, and other relevant information needed to evaluate the offset program;

‘(C) evaluate the net emission effects of implemented offset projects; and

‘(D) recommend changes to offset methodologies, procedures, practice types, or the overall program to ensure that--

‘(i) the offset practices result in reduced or avoided greenhouse gas emissions or sequestration of greenhouse gases;

‘(ii) the offset credits issued by the Secretary do not compromise the integrity of the annual emissions reductions established under section 703 of the Clean Air Act; and

‘(iii) the offset program avoids or minimizes adverse affects to human health and the environment.

‘(6) COORDINATION- To avoid duplication, the Advisory Committee shall coordinate its activities with those of any other Federal advisory committees working in related areas, and shall to the maximum extent possible use research data and services of the research, education, extension agencies of the Department of Agriculture.

‘(7) CONSULTATION- On a periodic basis, the Advisory Committee shall consult with, and be informed by the views of,

the Offsets Integrity Advisory Board established under section 731 of the Clean Air Act.

‘(8) MEETING- The Advisory Committee shall meet on at least a quarterly basis each year.

‘(9) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FUNDING- The Secretary may provide such administrative and funding support as necessary to enable the Advisory Committee to carry out its duties under this section.

‘(10) REPORT- For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on--

‘(A) the status and progress on the offset practices;

‘(B) the general status of cooperation and research and development; and

‘(C) the plans for addressing future issues and concerns.’.

Subtitle C--Miscellaneous

SEC. 551. INTERNATIONAL INDIRECT LAND USE CHANGES.

Section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)) is amended by adding at the end the following

‘(13) INTERNATIONAL INDIRECT LAND USE CHANGES-

‘(A) EXCLUSION FROM REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LIFECYCLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS- Notwithstanding the definition of ‘lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions’ in paragraph (1)(H), for purposes of determining whether the

fuel meets a definition in paragraph (1) or complies with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Administrator shall exclude emissions from indirect land use changes outside the renewable fuel's feedstock's country of origin.

‘(B) NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE REPORT-

(i) Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly arrange for the National Academies of Science to review and report on specified issues related to indirect greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation fuels.

‘(ii) The report shall evaluate and report on whether there are economic and environmental models and methodologies that individually, or as a system, can project with reliability, predictability, and confidence--

‘(I) for purposes of determining whether the fuel meets a definition in paragraph (1) or complies with paragraph (2)(A)(i), indirect land use changes that are related to the production of renewable fuels and that may occur outside the country in which the feedstocks are grown, and the impacts of these changes on greenhouse gas emissions; and

‘(II) indirect effects, both domestic and international, related to the production and importation of non-renewable transportation fuels that have significant greenhouse gas emissions, and the impact of these effects on greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(iii) The report shall include a review and assessment of all pertinent scientific studies, methodologies and data, shall evaluate potential methodologies for calculating such emissions (including an evaluation of methods for annualizing emissions associated with forest degradation or

land conversion), and shall make appropriate recommendations. The recommendations shall address indirect effects, both domestic and international, related to the production and importation of non-renewable transportation fuels that have significant greenhouse gas emissions. The report shall use appropriate validation procedures, including sensitivity analyses, of how results change as assumptions change. The evaluation shall include for a model, a methodology, or a system of models--

‘(I) an assessment of how reliably the models, methodologies, or systems track actual outcomes over historical periods using available historical data; and

‘(II) an assessment of how reliably the models, methodologies or systems will project future outcomes.

‘(iv) The report shall be publicly available and shall include sufficient information and data such that economists and other scientists with relevant expertise that are not on the National Academies of Science panel can fully evaluate the conclusions of the report.

‘(v) The report shall be completed within 3 years of the date of enactment of this paragraph.

‘(C) DETERMINATION- (i) The Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture shall, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determine whether, for purposes of determining compliance with the percent reductions in lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions specified in paragraph (1) for various renewable fuels, scientifically valid models and methodologies exist to project indirect land use changes that are related to the production of renewable fuels and that occur outside the country in which the feedstocks are grown, and the impact of these changes on greenhouse gas emissions.

‘(ii) The determination shall take into account the findings and recommendations of the report required under subparagraph (B), as well as other available scientific, economic, and other relevant information. The Administrator and the Secretary may also consider methods used by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and other Federal agencies to assess or guide their related policies.

‘(iii) The Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture shall publish a proposed determination not later than 4 years after date of enactment of this paragraph, and shall publish a final determination not later than 5 years after date of enactment of this paragraph. An explanation and justification of the determination shall be included in the proposed and final actions, together with a response to comments received.

‘(D) RESPONSE TO DETERMINATION- (i) In the event of a positive determination under subparagraph (C), the Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture shall, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, by the same date jointly establish a methodology (or methodologies) to calculate greenhouse gas emissions from indirect land use changes that are attributable to the production of renewable fuels and that occur outside the country in which feedstocks are grown for purposes of calculating a renewable fuel’s lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions to determine whether the fuel meets a definition in paragraph (1) or complies with paragraph (2)(A)(i). The exclusion in subparagraph (A) shall end, and the Administrator shall issue a regulation by the same date that shall include emissions from indirect land use changes outside the renewable fuel’s feedstock’s country of origin for purposes of calculating a renewable fuel’s lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions to determine whether the fuel meets a definition

in paragraph (1) or complies with paragraph (2)(A)(i) for renewable fuels sold in the calendar year following the year of the positive determination. The effective date of the regulation shall be 6 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.

‘(ii) A negative determination under subparagraph (C) shall include a statement of the basis for the determination.

‘(E) ACCOUNTABILITY- The joint duties and actions of the Administrator and the Secretary of Agriculture shall be subject to sections 304 and 307 of this Act as if they were the duties and actions of the Administrator alone.’.

SEC. 552. BIOMASS-BASED DIESEL.

Section 211(o)(2)(A) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(2)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

‘(v) GRANDFATHERING BIOMASS-BASED DIESEL- The Administrator shall promulgate regulations exempting from the lifecycle greenhouse gas requirements in subparagraphs (B) and (D) of paragraph (1) up to the greater of 1 billion gallons or the volume mandate adopted pursuant to subparagraph (B)(ii) of biomass-based diesel annually from facilities that commenced construction before the date of enactment of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.’.

SEC. 553. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF RENEWABLE BIOMASS.

(a) National Academy of Sciences Report- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission shall jointly arrange for the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate how sources of renewable biomass contribute to the goals of increasing America's energy independence, protecting the environment, and reducing global warming pollution.

(b) Modification-

(1) EPA MODIFICATION AUTHORITY- After reviewing the report required by subsection (a), the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in concurrence with the Secretary of Agriculture, may, by regulation and after public notice and comment, modify the non-Federal lands portion of the definition of 'renewable biomass' in sections 211(o)(1)(I) and 700 of the Clean Air Act in order to advance the goals of increasing America's energy independence, protecting the environment, and reducing global warming pollution.

(2) FERC MODIFICATION AUTHORITY- After reviewing the report required by subsection (a), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in concurrence with the Secretary of Agriculture, may, by regulation and after public notice and comment, modify the non-Federal lands portion of the definition of 'renewable biomass' in section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 in order to advance the goals of increasing America's energy independence, protecting the environment, and reducing global warming pollution.

(c) Federal Lands-

(1) SCIENTIFIC REVIEW- The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct a joint scientific review, within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, to evaluate how sources of biomass from Federal lands could contribute to the goals of increasing America's energy independence, protecting the environment, and reducing global warming pollution.

(2) MODIFICATION AUTHORITY- Based on the scientific review, the agencies may, by rule, modify the definition of 'renewable biomass'

from Federal lands in sections 211(o)(1)(I) and 700 of the Clean Air Act and section 610 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 as appropriate to advance the goals of increasing America's energy independence, protecting the environment, and reducing global warming pollution.

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